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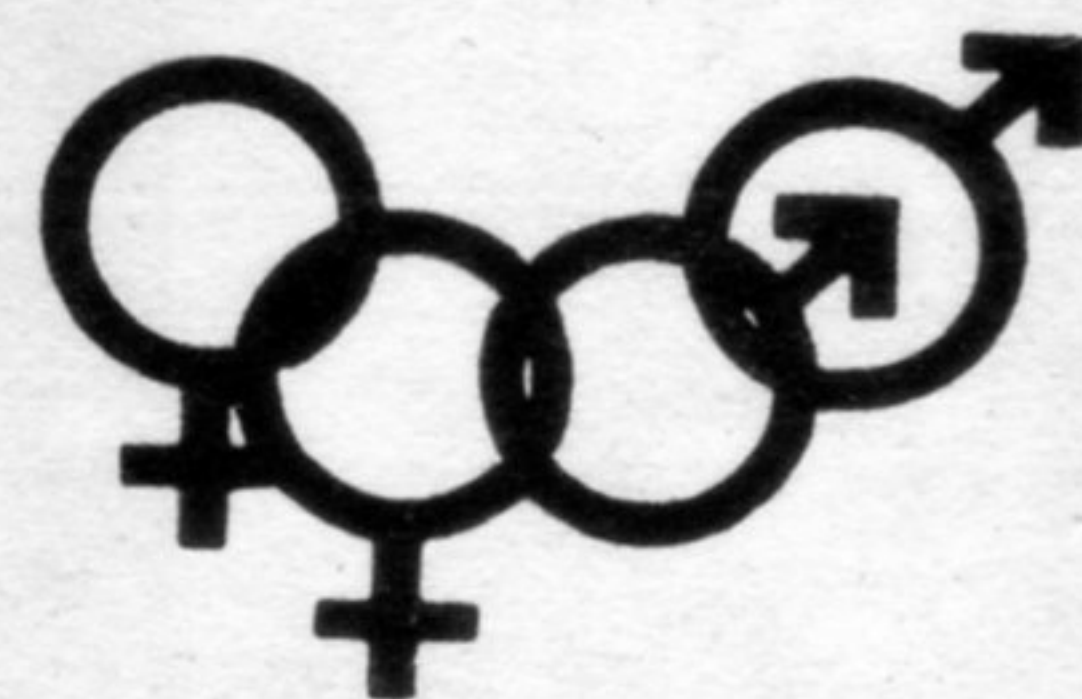
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EDITOR'S LETTER

Hello and welcome to the first issue of Gaylife Magazine. We are very happy that you found us and hope that you will continue reading our magazine in the future. Of course, we know that to justify asking you to buy Gaylife we must produce a quality publication filled with the type of material you desire. To do that we need to know what is on your mind, what you like and what you dislike. Communicate with us — let us make Gaylife a success together.

Perhaps we should tell you a little about how we came about and who we are. Gay St. Louis Magazine was published by Midcontinent Life Services Corp. (M.L.S.C.) but that group ran out of money and could not continue publication. Several of us who were working as staff on that magazine felt the need for a good, local gay magazine to fill the void.

Specialty Publications was formed to administer sales, distribution and other business functions of the magazine and we began seeking support in the community. Virtually everyone we spoke with was supportive, therefore we decided to go ahead with Gaylife Magazine.

Most of the people we spoke with urged total independence from any other organization. Since we also felt that was a good idea, Gaylife is just that. INDEPENDENT. We are not affiliated with any other organization. That does not mean, however, that we do not support the work of other groups — we merely feel that independence allows us to speak our minds openly and offer constructive criticism where we feel it is necessary.

Our second issue will be out in mid December and will contain a policy statement that will clearly state what our goals and ideas are, and how we intend to relate to this community. Right now, you can get an idea of where we heads are by reading the Gaylife Creed on page 3.

We would also like, at this time, to extend an invitation to all gay organizations or other groups that welcome gays, to keep us informed of their activities so we may keep our readers informed. If you have material you wish published, drop us a line, include your phone number, and we will contact you.

Again, thank you for buying this issue, we appreciate your support, and truly hope that Gaylife Magazine will become, with your help, a valuable part of this community.

Your editor,

William Sea

MCC 5th ANNIVERSARY

by Rev. DAVID PELLETIER

The Metropolitan Community Church of Greater St. Louis is celebrating its fifth anniversary of mission and ministry in the St. Louis area. The formal celebration is November 1st through 5th. Several very important people, whose contributions to peace and understanding are well known, are coming to town to help celebrate.

The Reverend Elder Carol S. Cureton, founding pastor of M.C.C./St. Louis, and now serving the mother church in Los Angeles, will be "home" to share our joy. Rev. Cureton left St. Louis about one year ago to work full time in the offices of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches.

The Reverend Malcolm Boyd, an Episcopalian priest and author of many well know books, will also share with us during our celebration. Rev. Boyd's newest book, Take Off the Masks, has received widespread acclaim. The Advocate says: "...non-lurid, relaxed and open...he places sexuality into the context of his life, rather than the other way around."

Many activities are planned during the celebration:

Wednesday, Nov. 1st-8 p.m.

A Service of Renewal- The Rev. David M. Pelletier.

Thursday, Nov. 2nd-8 p.m.

A Service of Reconciliation-The Rev. Elder Carol S. Cureton.

Friday, Nov. 3rd-8 p.m.

Potluck Dinner/Party. An evening of fellowship and fun. Bring a covered

dish, or \$2.00 at the door. Ms. Donna Wade, accomplished composer, will be performing some of her original music. A sneak preview of "Broadway Babies" will be performed by the M.C.C. players. There will also be dancing.

Saturday, Nov. 4th-1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

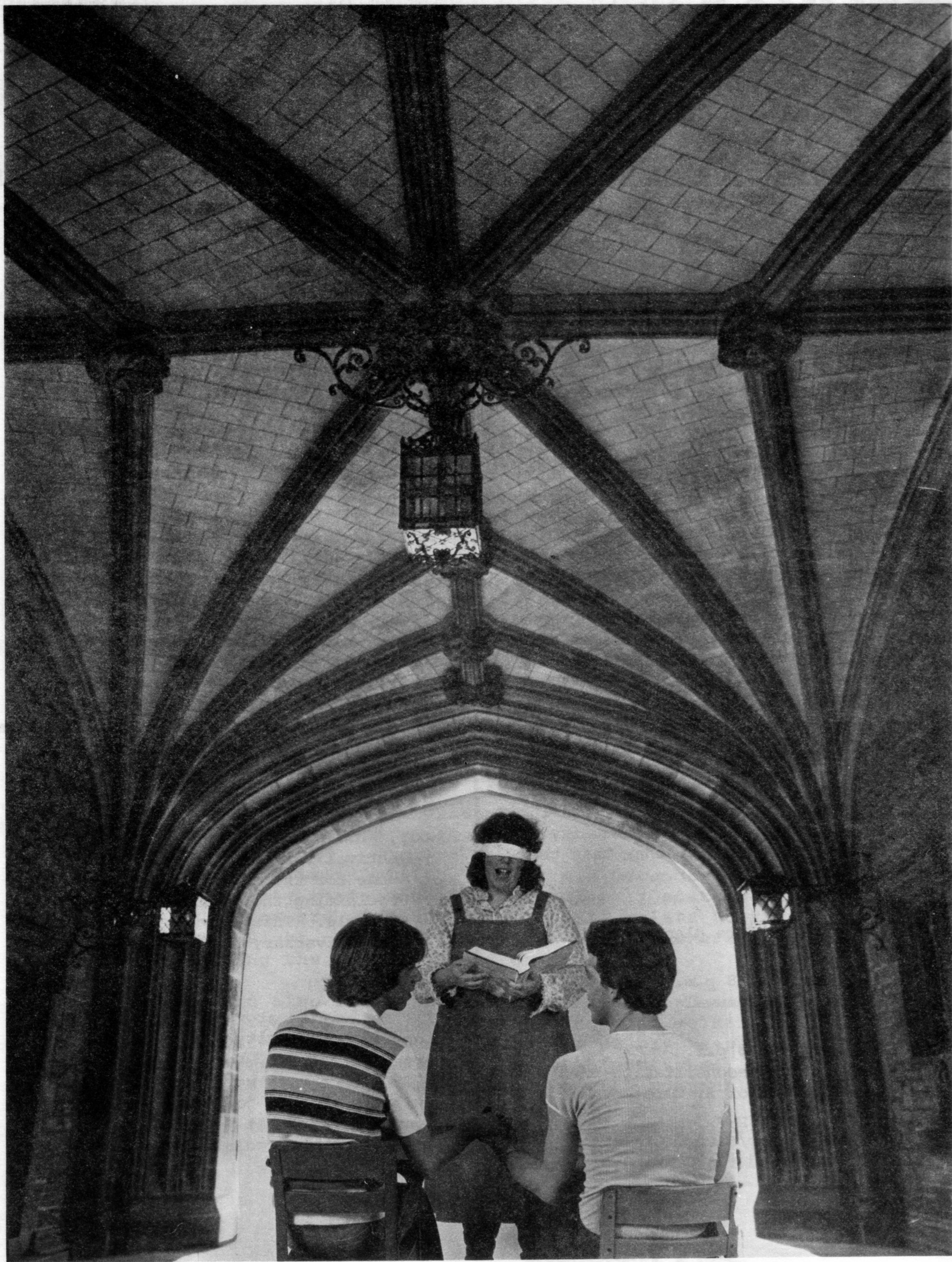
Autograph Party at the Book Shelf, 10 S. Euclid, with Malcolm Boyd.

7:30 p.m.-Rally for Rights with Malcolm Boyd. A free offering will be split 50/50 with the concerned voter of California to help defeat the Briggs amendment.

Sunday, Nov. 5th-2 p.m.

Festival Service in Celebration. The theme for the celebration is Proclaiming the Promise/Living the Struggle. This service will culminate our anniversary activities.

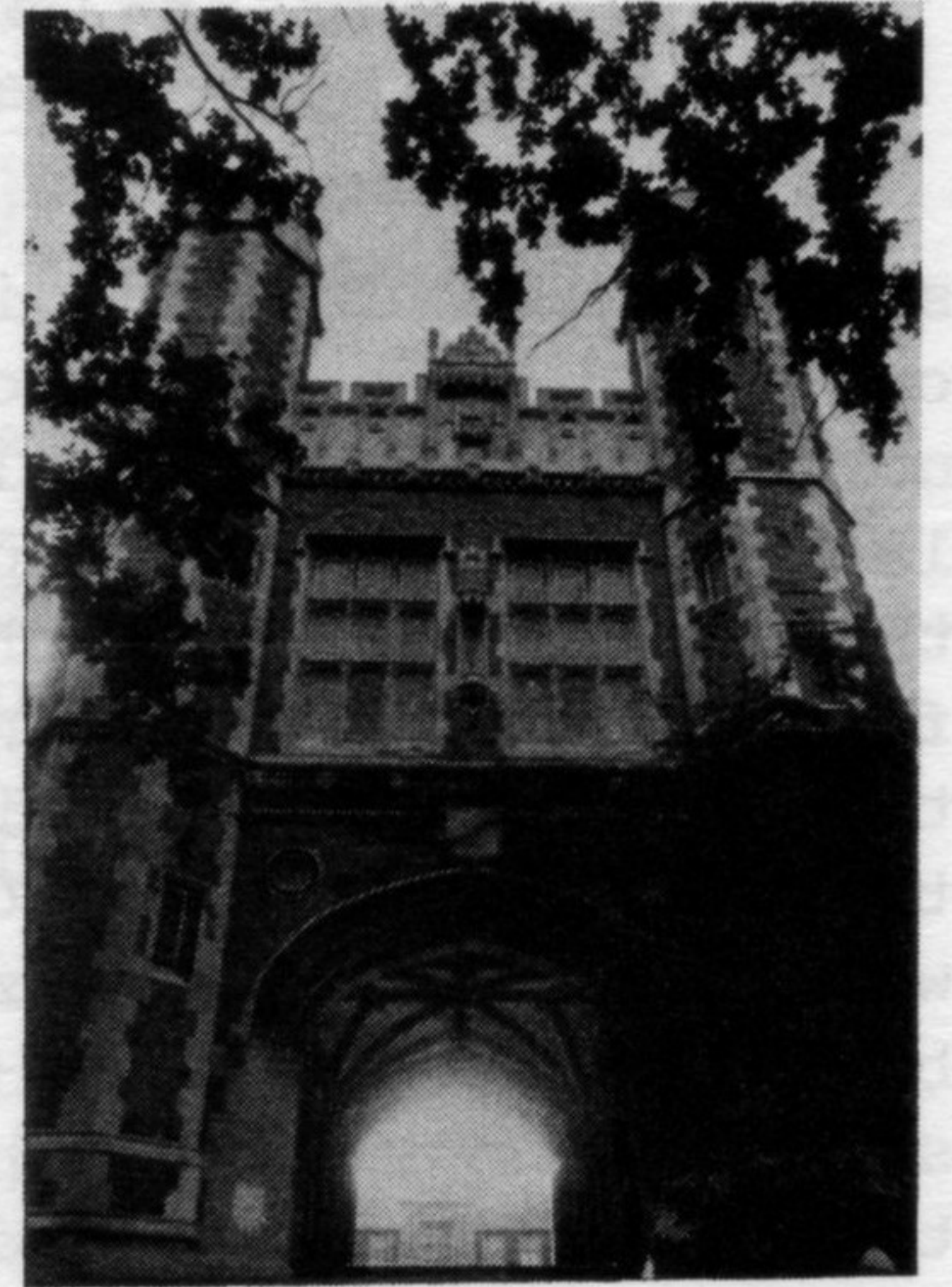
All activities above will be at the Metropolitan Community Church, 5108 Waterman, St. Louis, Mo., 63108, phone 361-7284, except as noted. We hope that you will be able to join us. We are here for you and hope that you will continue to support us as we proclaim God's love for All People.



EDUCATION

AND GAYS

by JIM ANDRIS



I've been asked to set down some thoughts on education and gays, being a professional educator in the St. Louis Metropolitan Area. I'll restrict my comments to elementary, secondary, and college education, and to parents, teachers, students and subject matter.

Before I get into the general discussion of education and gay people, I do want to talk about the bottom line, as far as I'm concerned. That is the law. At this point in time, our biggest enemy is the law which makes gay sex illegal. With so many issues to focus on, why single out the sodomy statutes as the bottom line? Simply because of the association with the criminal. As long as society defines gay sex as a criminal action, we cannot achieve more refined distinctions of human rights! So our first priority needs to be the removal of any gay sex from criminal status.

I also want to talk a little about a limitation on education. We have traditionally placed much emphasis on education in the U.S. Education is supposed to get us jobs. Public education taught a generation of immigrants to read and write English. More recently, public education was singled out to bear the burden of solving our racial problems.

But this traditional view of education is passing. People no longer believe that a degree means a job, and they have the unemployment checks to prove it. Parents are not bluffed by high sounding pedagogical talk any more when it comes to spending their tax dollars. Bussing is no longer regarded as a viable solution to deeper racial problems.

My own view is that much of schooling is a holding place for kids that parents don't quite know what to do with. And most administrators are quite happy to conduct a holding action with these kids. Some kids have more direct experience with the realities of life than many of their teachers. They know first hand about drugs and sex and the failures of marriage. They've seen it all.

By now you've probably got the definite impression that you're not going to get a lot of suggestions about how formal education can make for a better society. I'm rather pessimistic about what and how much education can do. Uncle Jim does have a few hard-nosed observations about some things that education in the U.S. needs, and needs immediately, though.

STUDENTS AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

Let's start with students, since supposedly that is the one thing that education cannot do without. My calculations lead me to suspect that there are about three or four million gay students in the U.S. I want especially to hone in on high school. I would say that there are maybe 1½ million gay high school students. There are three things that we (you and I) could do immediately to help these students.

The first (and most likely) thing to do would be to concentrate on educating high school counselors to the facts of growing up gay in the late 20th Century U.S.A. All the stuff that you and I already know. Like: it ain't a sin, it ain't an illness, it doesn't mean you're a sissy, and the only thing wrong with it is that a lot of people don't like it. Gay kids do not need any more hassles from their high school counselors than they're already getting from their budding macho classmates and their image conscious parents.

They need straight ('straight' means not crooked) information on entry into the gay community. Kids need support in exploring their sexuality, whatever it may be. Think about it. Concentrate on the counselors.

The second thing that we could do would be to concentrate on and support all efforts to get a balanced sex education program into the high school. As recently as 1973, a well-known publisher put out a sex education textbook and manual for high school teachers which mentioned homosexuality only once—to warn teachers to warn their students that homosexuals were

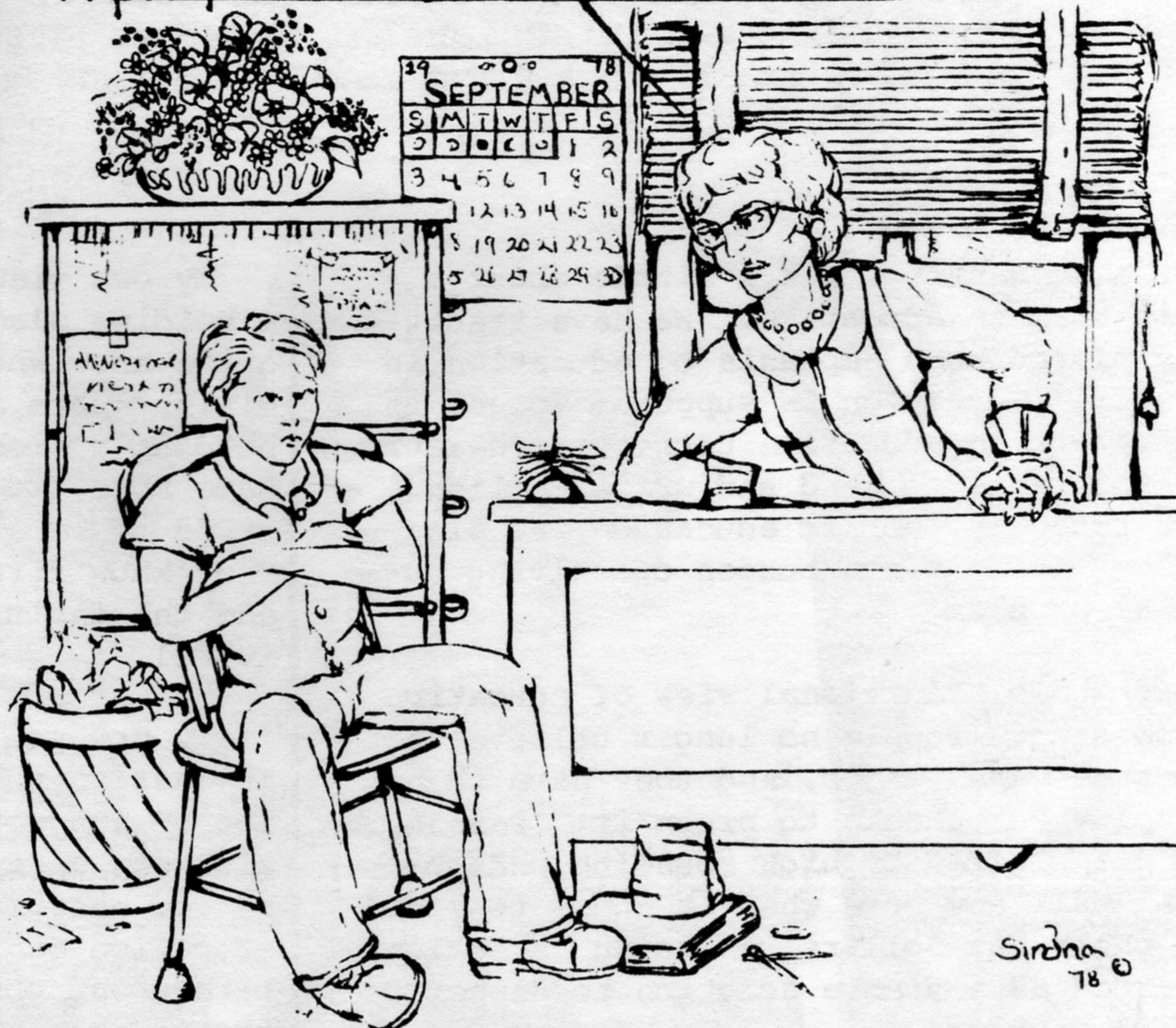
child-molesters and that children should be discouraged from associating with them. (What does such information do to a homosexual child who hears it?) Kids need accurate facts on the nature of homosexuality. That is is a normal variant of human sexuality. That homosexuality is distributed throughout all occupations and social strata at a fairly constant and significant percentage. And so forth.

I must confess that we are fighting an even bigger bugaboo with sex education than just prejudice against homosexuals. A lot of people are just plain scared to talk about sex. Nothing gets the taxpayers so irate as a modern sex education program, even if it says nothing about gays. I guess we have to work toward desensitizing talk about sex, too. There

is a real problem here. If the Briggs initiative passes in California in November, it will be illegal for anyone to advocate homosexuality as a viable life style and still teach school. So much for First Amendment rights! All the old arguments crop up. How many times have you heard "Sex education is for the home." We need to patiently explain that many homes do not do their job. That students already have a massive amount of misinformation from their friends and from TV and from the movies.

The third thing that we could do for our 1½ million gay high school students is to give them a taste of their cultural heritage. How much good could be done by one high school history teacher or English teacher silencing the snickering of a homophobic class with a good pre-

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sentation of Walt Whitman as the Good Gay Poet? Those lines really come alive when you see that old Walt was talking about Peter Doyle, the streetcar conductor, or that those kisses he planted on the lips of wounded and dying confederate soldiers rose from some deeper passion than just abstract comradeship. Just for effect, I'll list a few of the names that were deleted from my and probably from your formal education. Plato, founder of Western philosophy, Leonardo da Vinci, who wrote beautiful gay poetry, Tennessee Williams, who revolutionized American theatre, and Oscar Wilde, a British Mark Twain, if ever there was one.

Perhaps this desire to see gay history is a pure pipe dream on my part. People don't even see any need for women's or black history in the high school curriculum, so how can they be expected to grasp this need? Still, there is a lot of emphasis on multi-cultural education these days, and we do seem to have a unique culture. Maybe we could slip one in on them (if you'll pardon the expression.)

I've said a bit now about secondary students, so in the spirit of not being tedious, I'll try combining two more topics I suggested—elementary education and teachers

PARENTS, TEACHERS AND ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

Nothing threatens most parents more than the thought of one of their sons turning out to be gay. We can compare this attitude to the attitude of people toward non-believers in the Middle Ages. People were afraid to even discuss the possibility that there was no God, and questioners were burned at the stake as heretics. If you talk much to parents of gays, you quickly discover that their main concern is what other people will say and do. Most of them come to realize after a while that they still love their gay children.

But we must realize that we are dealing with a powerful taboo in discussing homosexuality and children. Most parents want to protect their children from homosexuality at all costs. The thought of a gay elementary teacher violates this taboo. We need to be very realistic about this.

One reality is that we can expect no help from the Supreme Court. There will be no landmark decisions comparable to the 1954 decision on segregated schools. Nixon's legacy was a court that clearly intends to set no precedents where gay rights are concerned. The recent Gaylord vs. the State of Washington decision was that a gay teacher could be fired merely because he or she is gay. The U.S. Supreme Court let this decision stand.

Another reality is that we are in the middle of a conservative backlash. Conservative political groups, small but well funded, and backed by rich industrialists, are making major inroads in the political scene. They are using fear and smear tactics on every issue from women's rights through property taxes, to gay rights. And our citizens are responding in large numbers to these campaigns of ignorance and confusion. The wave of hope of the early seventies has been replaced by a wave of hatred of anything non-conventional. The ignorant, selfish majority has learned well from the struggling minorities how to demand "their rights".

Given this dismal situation, then, what about elementary education? We must not be discouraged, even though the situation is discouraging. We must strive to get the truth out to as many parents, teachers and administrators as possible. What is that truth?

People have to come to understand how gay and straight sexuality are formed. It is popular in gay activist circles now to argue that people have no choice over their sexuality. The strategy here is that if you can't change someone, then you might as well stop hassling them and make the best of a bad situation. It's a strong argument, but there's just one problem. People do have a choice over their sexuality. Now, of course, I've made a very controversial statement. But my experience leads me to this conclusion.

The vast majority of children are conceived with the potential to be bi-, homo-, or heterosexual. The child is a growing, responding, thinking being and quite early on makes decisions about his or her gender, and which parent will serve as a model. By the age of five, many children are making decisions about the choice of sexual partner. There is no

simple formula for "making a homosexual", but I believe that an examination of the family dynamics in almost every case will show why a child chooses his or her sexuality.

Now I am not saying that as adults, we can simply reverse our decisions if we choose. Most of these early decisions are buried under layers and layers of later choices and experiences. Only a skilled therapist can uncover these decisions (or a very rare and perceptive individual by him/herself). But what bearing does all this have on gay teachers and elementary education? Just this.

The family, and not the school, is the cradle and single most important source of the vast majority of homosexuals. When I was growing up in school 90% of all my teachers were women. Was I tempted to be a woman? Of course not. Nor were most of my male classmates. As a child I actively scanned my environment for role-models. I mainly wanted to be like some of my boy friends. Only I wanted to have sex with them too.

We must get people to see that kicking all the gay teachers out of school won't save a single child from homosexuality. Children will just look around for appropriate role-models until they find them or figure out a role for themselves. The point is here that the child is actively seeking to confirm decisions that he or she already has made. In fact, the real tragedy is that because there are not openly gay role models in the schools and in most communities, millions of children with a gay script (life plan) will suffer needlessly. How can that happen? Well, from my own experience I know that there are countless gay men and women who have tried to live the straight life. Gradually, they discovered that this was not really for them. Many gay people go through the equivalent of adolescence 5, 10, or 15 years late. Had there been open gay role models, they would have been spared the wasted years. (I don't mean to imply that it is a waste of time to lead a heterosexual life, only that for some people, this is time spent developing an inauthentic self.)

It occurs to me that there is a great irony in all this for people like Anita Bryant. On the one hand, these conservatives go around screaming for the government to leave the people alone, to

stop taking their money for the loafers on welfare, and to stop telling them how to educate their children. Yet it is clear that the family is producing homosexuals as efficiently as it ever did. If they really wanted to strike at the root of the problem, they would have training programs, government supervised, for all prospective parents, to assure that the family dynamics were proper for producing only heterosexuals. Each parent would have to go through extensive psychoanalysis to discover hidden expectations he or she was setting up for their children.

But of course, that will never be condoned by the Conservative Caucus, and so we can anticipate that the U.S. family will continue to pump out children gay and straight in a ratio of about 1 to 9. (What proportion of these children are bisexual is another question.) It is very foolish to think that 3 million children are going to enter psychotherapy to examine their early choices concerning sexuality, and even more foolish to think that they will all change. Most evidence shows a very low if nonexistent change rate.

In the mean time, don't be surprised if gay elementary school teachers keep silent about their sexuality. They've read the handwriting on the wall, and they are smart to keep their mouths shut. The best thing that we can do is to work toward changing the forces that influence the schools and society in general—the law, the telly, business, housing, and organized religion. Society changes first, schools follow. Sorry folks, but that's the way it is.

SUBJECT MATTER AND COLLEGE EDUCATION

Of the entire system of formal education in the U.S., I hold the most hope for the college and university as having a significant role in changing attitudes about gay people. There are several things we have going for us. First, most people (supporters of Oral Roberts University and similar institutions excluded) are content to let college students study what they may, although students are still quite uptight about having a course dealing with gay sexuality on their records. Second, the courts have generally upheld the right of gay students to meet and receive funds

from the university along with other legitimate groups. This comes under First Amendment rights. Third, the strong tradition of academic freedom and tenure makes it safer for a professor to study and become an expert on almost any subject matter without much fear of losing his or her job.

Of course, most, if not all of us have to create that expertise in gay studies on our own, because historically there hasn't been any courses or programs offered in gay studies. I have found, however, that my own knowledge of the subject grew naturally. It is a fascinating topic. As with other areas of formal education, how far one can go in dealing with the problems of gay people depends to a great deal on the area of the country, the type of institution, and the academic traditions of a particular institution. At my school, SIUE, for example, I estimate that there are 50 or 60 gay faculty, yet only myself and possibly one other person are in any way pursuing gay studies or gay issues. Chicago seems to be the nearest city to St. Louis with an active gay academic community. They recently formed a chapter of the Gay Academic Union there.

Given the relatively safe university environment, I am convinced that every university needs courageous tenured professors who will speak out responsibly on issues relating to gay rights. Professors need to know that one can be responsible yet be a gay activist. A handful or less of professors on each campus will need to establish open lines of communication, to coordinate gay studies offerings, and to seek to make the academic community a safe and rewarding place for gay people to live, learn, and play. This goal is well within our grasp.

It goes almost without saying that the universities owe a great debt to the courageous students who during the early 70's formed student gay groups. These groups continue to be a source of aid and inspiration to gay people on campuses. If you are a student at a university and are gay, you are doing much by simply being a member of a gay student organization. If your institution does not have a gay student group, then you may want to get in touch with a gay

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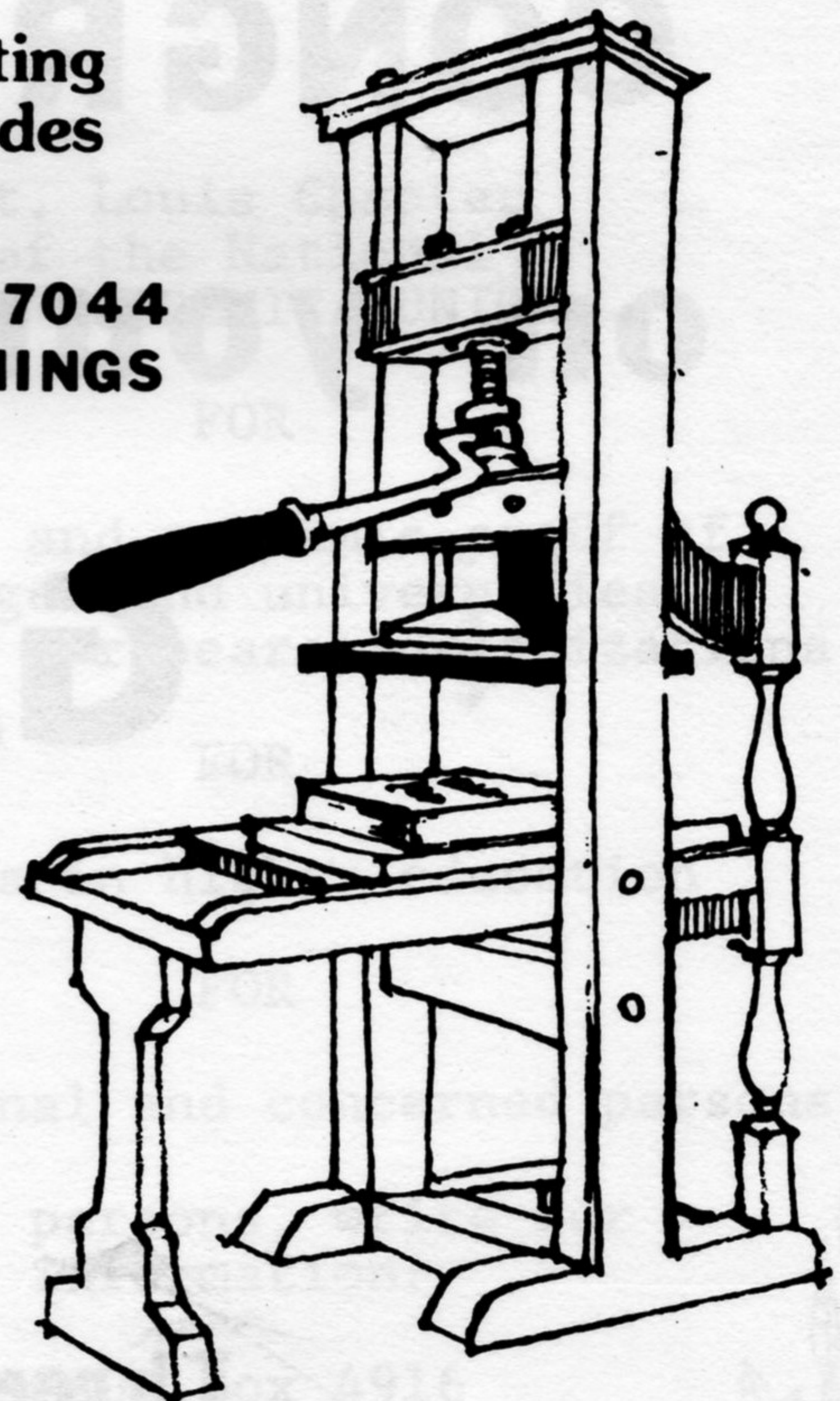
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student group in the area (Washington University has one, for example). See if you can find out something about forming one at your school.

There are so many things that a gay professor can do to be helpful! Go to your university book store and take a list of good books on homosexuality. Check out their holdings. Do they carry the Advocate at the newsstand, for example, along with the Playboys and the Ouis? Do they have a good display of recent gay novels such as Front Runner or of sympathetic treatments of the gay condition such as Family Affair? If not, pressure them to balance their holdings. Do the same with the library.

Go have a talk with your affirmative action officer. Give him or her material on the way insidious discrimination works at the university. Explain the basic problems and offer to be of any assistance. Send significant news clippings to his or her attention. Go to the president's office. Have a talk. Try to get a policy stating that there will be no discrimination on the basis of sexual preference. Write articles and letters for the school newspaper.

As you sit in committee meetings, don't let examples of discrimination pass. For example, I once requested that a course called "Human Sexuality" be retitled "Human Heterosexuality" because it contained only a miniscule amount of information on Homosexuality. I didn't get my way, but people had to rethink the issue. Try to put through a course dealing with homosexuality. You'll find out a lot about your colleagues ideas on the subject by just trying it. Offer to be a resource person to other classes on topics of gay problems.

Go to any program where you suspect there is inaccurate information being given about gay lifestyles. For example, make sure that prospective teachers deal with the problem of how they will relate to their gay students. Offer to help the the instructor of Teacher Education 201 or whatever to put together a unit on this problem.

As you build a reputation as a responsible educator who is trying to deal with gay problems, you will discover that students and professors start getting referred to you for help. Members of the broader community may contact you from time

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to time because they do not know what to do about a particular situation involving a gay person, usually young.

Above all, remember that just being an openly gay person who is responsible is a good thing. People have to confront their stereotypes when dealing with this type of person. Once in a class on education I shared with my class that I was gay and talked about how discrimination affected me. (The class properly dealt with problems of discrimination in education in education.) Almost all of my students said that the most valuable thing about the class was having a chance to know and interact with a real live gay professional.

I realize that the activities I have been describing would be perceived as very threatening by most gay college professors. It takes a certain kind of person to do these things. You have to be self-confident and strong. You have to be ready to make new friends and discard old ones, because that will most certainly happen if you come out. You have to have a sense of moral justice and to be willing to put this matter very high on your list of priorities. You have to take time out from other activities you may enjoy. You have to risk harassment.

But on the other hand, if your experience is like mine, you will be immensely rewarded for actions such as I describe. After a few years on the "front", you will reap rewards. You will know who your real friends are; the ones who accept you for you and not some image of you that they prefer. You will know you are going to your grave an upfront, honest, and whole man or woman. You will become strong and self-confident in the process. You will eventually gain respect and recognition for what you are. You won't have to tolerate so many "fag" jokes. That fact alone makes it worth it for me. I remember one time one of my colleagues told such a joke. I said, "I'd laugh, except I am one." He turned pale, but he doesn't tell me any more offensive stories.

Above all, you will know that you are not part of the problem, you are part of the solution. But if you choose to be silent, I accept your choice, and I ask you to accept mine.

ODDS AND ENDS

I don't intend to speak for bisexuality here. I believe that bisexuality is not just a combination of homo- and hetero-

sexuality, but rather a different form of sexuality altogether. Bisexuals need to get their own liberation group going; they won't get much help or appreciation from people who are predominantly hetero- or homosexual. More power to them.

Changing the subject completely, we must remember that television is a major educative influence in this society. Most of the education that children acquire is acquired by imitation, and TV is a major source of role-models. I view TV today in the U.S. as basically an instrument of a patriarchal, capitalistic society. The image of the rich white man as superior is the source of huge amounts of oppression and discrimination. Think about TV. How many female game show hosts can you think of? How many commercials



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show men doing housework or interior decorating? Are you convinced by the gay, the black or the male and female characters on TV? In my opinion, until TV portrays the sexes as equally potent, and until co-operation is emphasized more than competition, this media will continue to reinforce homophobic attitudes.

CONCLUSION

I would like to conclude by relating a story that George Carlin told recently on the Tonight Show. He was talking about his ideas for world peace. He said that what we could do is to require that every single person in the world has to be formally introduced to every other single person in the world. Then the "big boys" couldn't so easily talk people into going to war. As he put it, they would say, "What d'ya mean, go fight the Chinese? Are you kiddin'? I know those people, I met 'em!"

This neat little story makes a very important point for anyone concerned with gay problems. People are much less likely to be hostile toward people they know. There seems to be an obvious conclusion here somewhere . . . ! ?

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NEXT ISSUE

GAYLIFE CONTINUES ITS PROBE INTO EDUCATION WITH ARTICLE BY RUTH HUBBARD - A TEACHER, AND H. DAVID SNOW - A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT.

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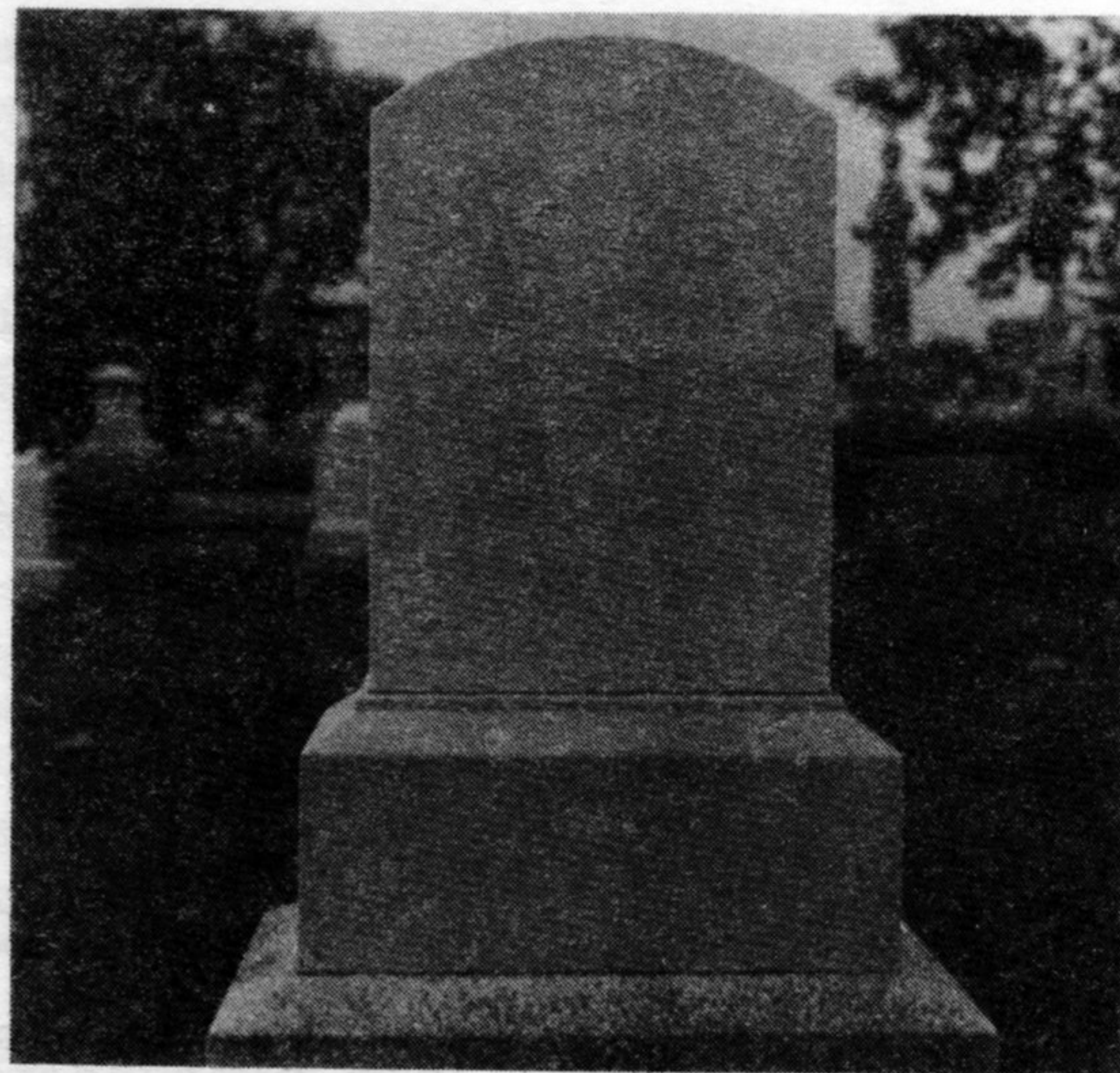
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SUICIDE OR SOCIETAL MURDER?



In early 1978, a psychology professor at a local community college shot himself. Several days earlier, he had been arrested for participating in sexual activity with another male in a park. He was a good teacher who was able to communicate well with his students. He was respected by his colleagues.

He had lived with fear that his students, his family and his colleagues might discover he was gay. He may have feared losing his job because he was gay, although most of his colleagues would have been supportive. He may have feared losing his good relationship with his students. Some of his fears may have been real; some may not have been. He had been raised in a society in which gays are often considered less than human, worthless, degenerate sinners. He lived in a society in which a teacher could be fired, in 1977, simply for being gay, a society whose Supreme Court upheld that firing.

His death was a loss to gay people, to his students and his college, and to all of society. His death is perhaps one of many. Many gays were killed in concentration camps over 30 years ago. How many more have taken their lives since that time because society would not let them be themselves?

CELEBRATION

Through A Woman's Eye

by **SUE ROBINSON**

Gay Pride -- What does that mean to us? Celebrating the fact that we are Gay and proud of it is just what we did during Gay Pride weekend in Columbia. I was excited as we reached Columbia on Friday afternoon. I did not want to miss any of the activities that were planned. Besides it was a wonderful time to renew old acquaintances with people from all over the state. As the evening wore on more and more people began to arrive.

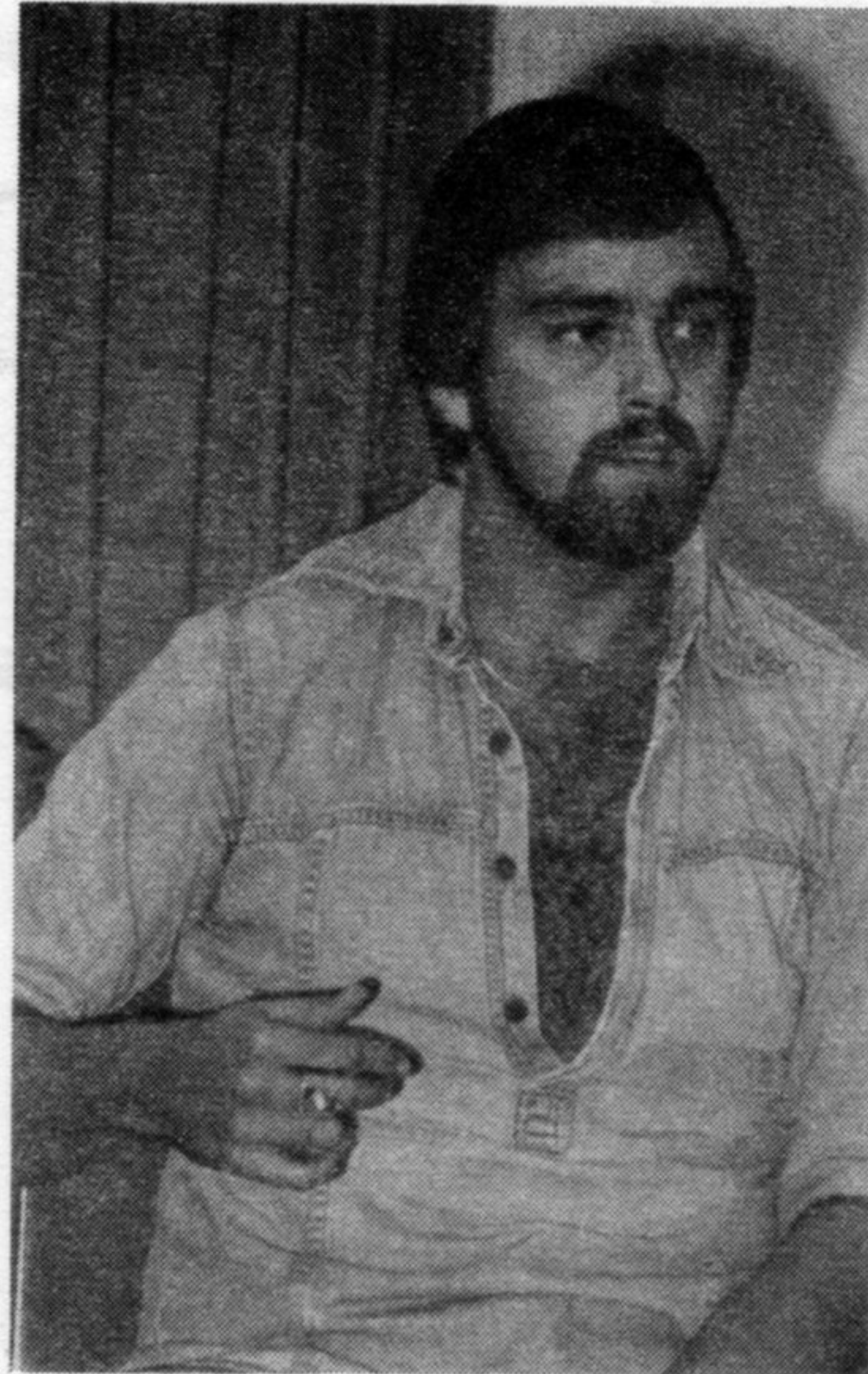
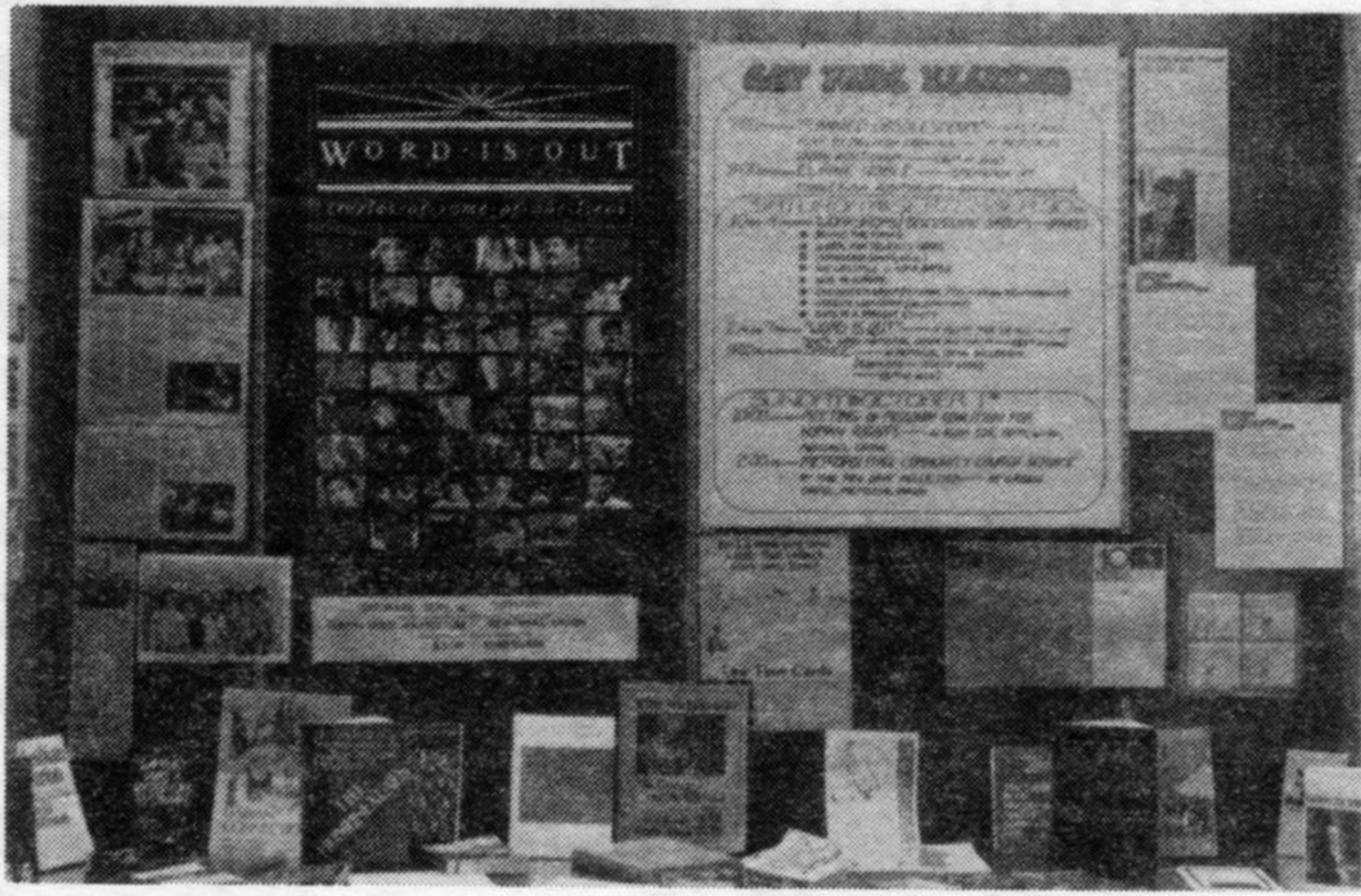
The first planned activity was a feminist play or reading. For some of us it was the first exposure to this type of activity and as it ended it gave us plenty to think about. Then it was time, finally, when we could listen and share with Elaine Noble, one of the few open gays in public office. She is a dynamic speaker and kept our attention without any difficulty as she shared her hopes and dreams for the gay community of this country.

As Saturday dawned it found us back on the MU campus beginning the day with work shops. Though I was unable to attend any of the others due to my participation with Judy Weber in one, I heard nothing but good things about them. Lifestyle does not have to be a battle was the topic of the session Judy and I did. Both sessions were well attended and I believe as we talked most of the people attending realized that being gay truly does not have to be a struggle. Later in the day and again during the evening we were fortunate to see the documentary

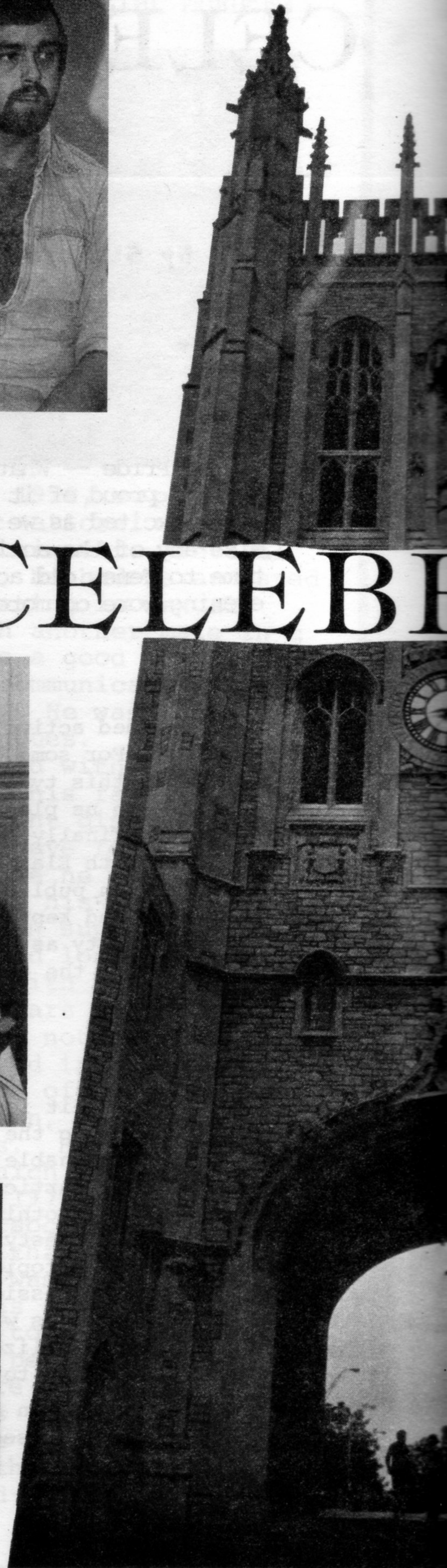
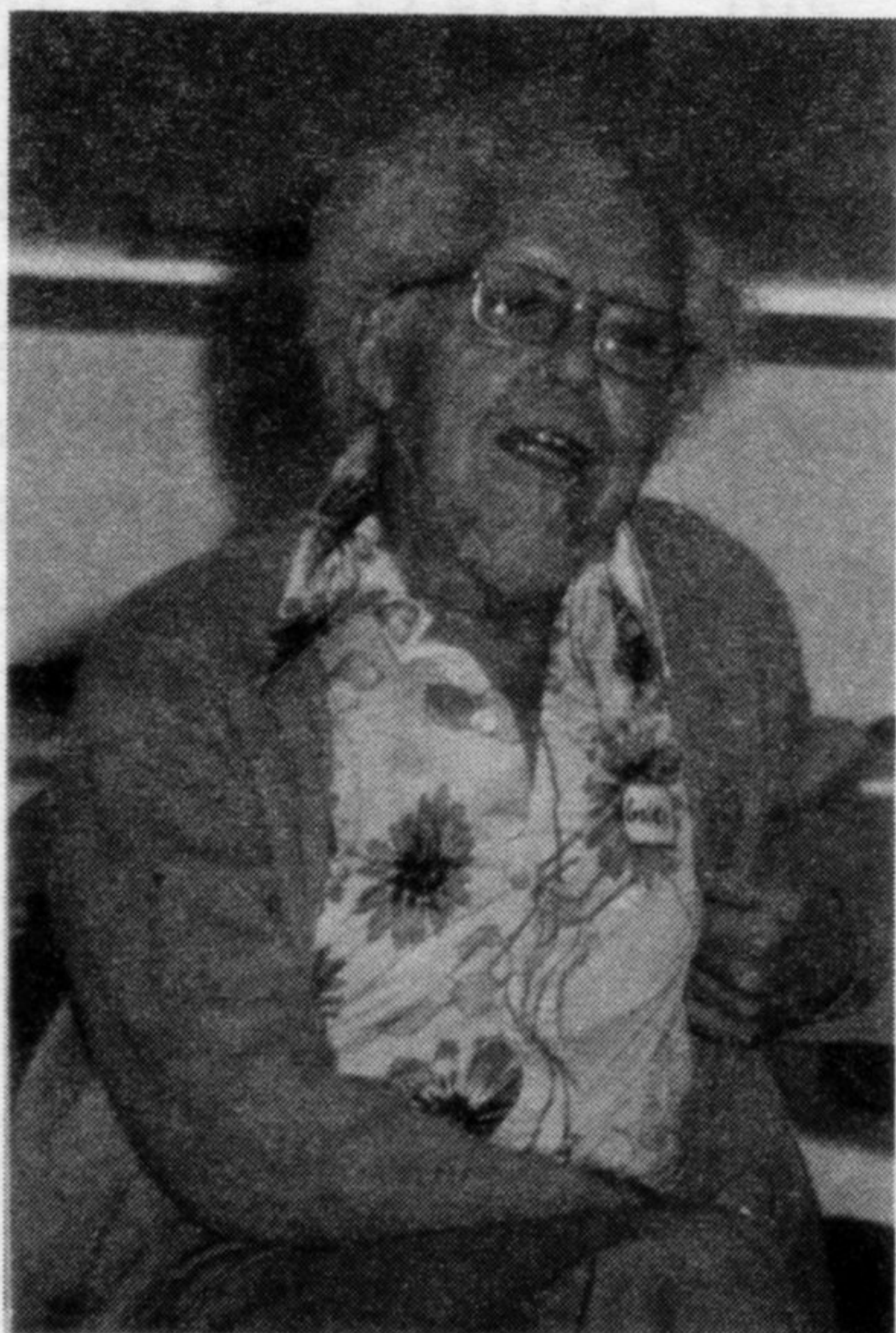
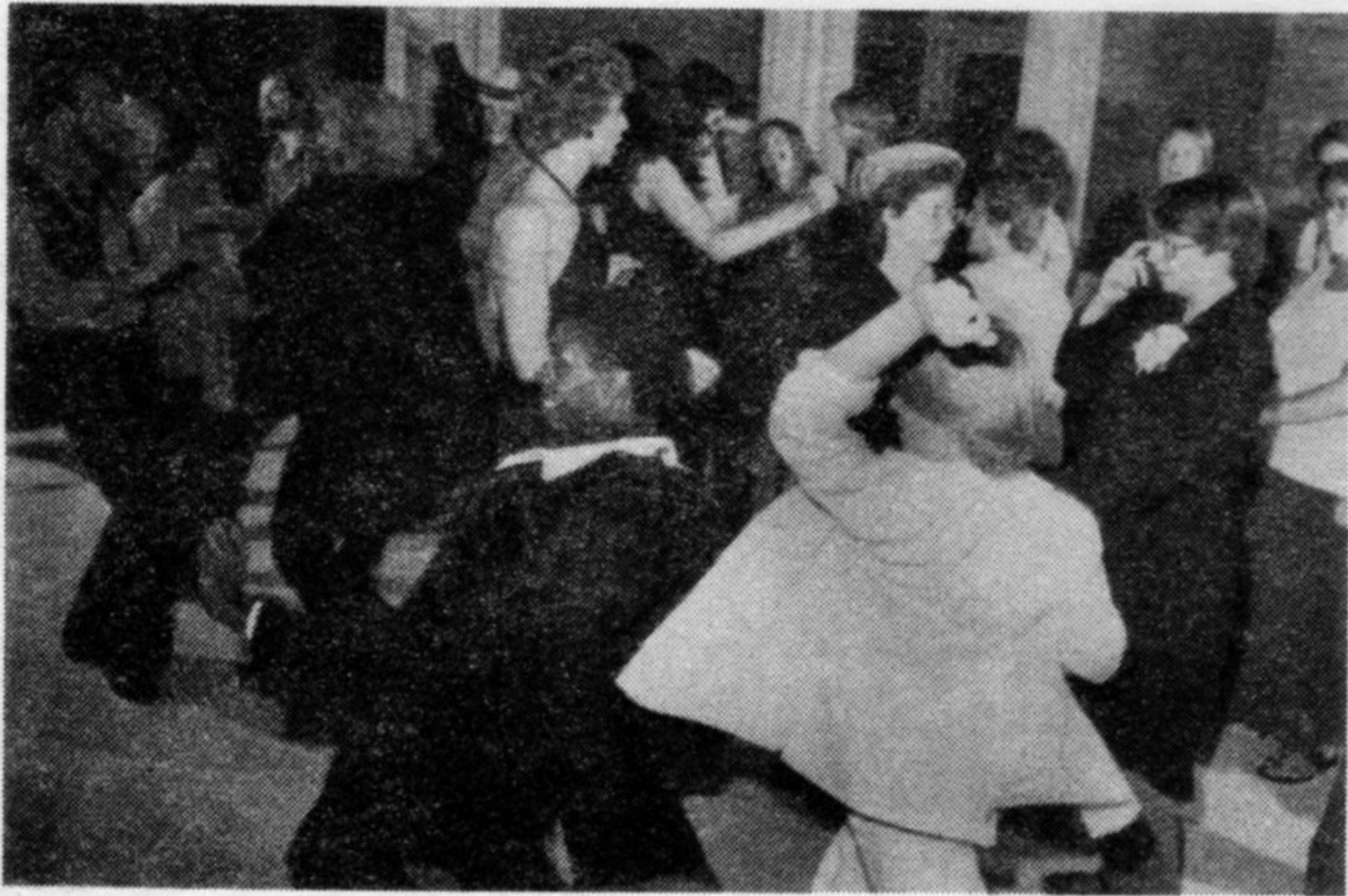
film, "The Word Is Out". In my opinion it is one of the finest movies ever made about gays. A weekend of sharing would not be complete without a dance, and we were not disappointed as Saturday night rolled around.

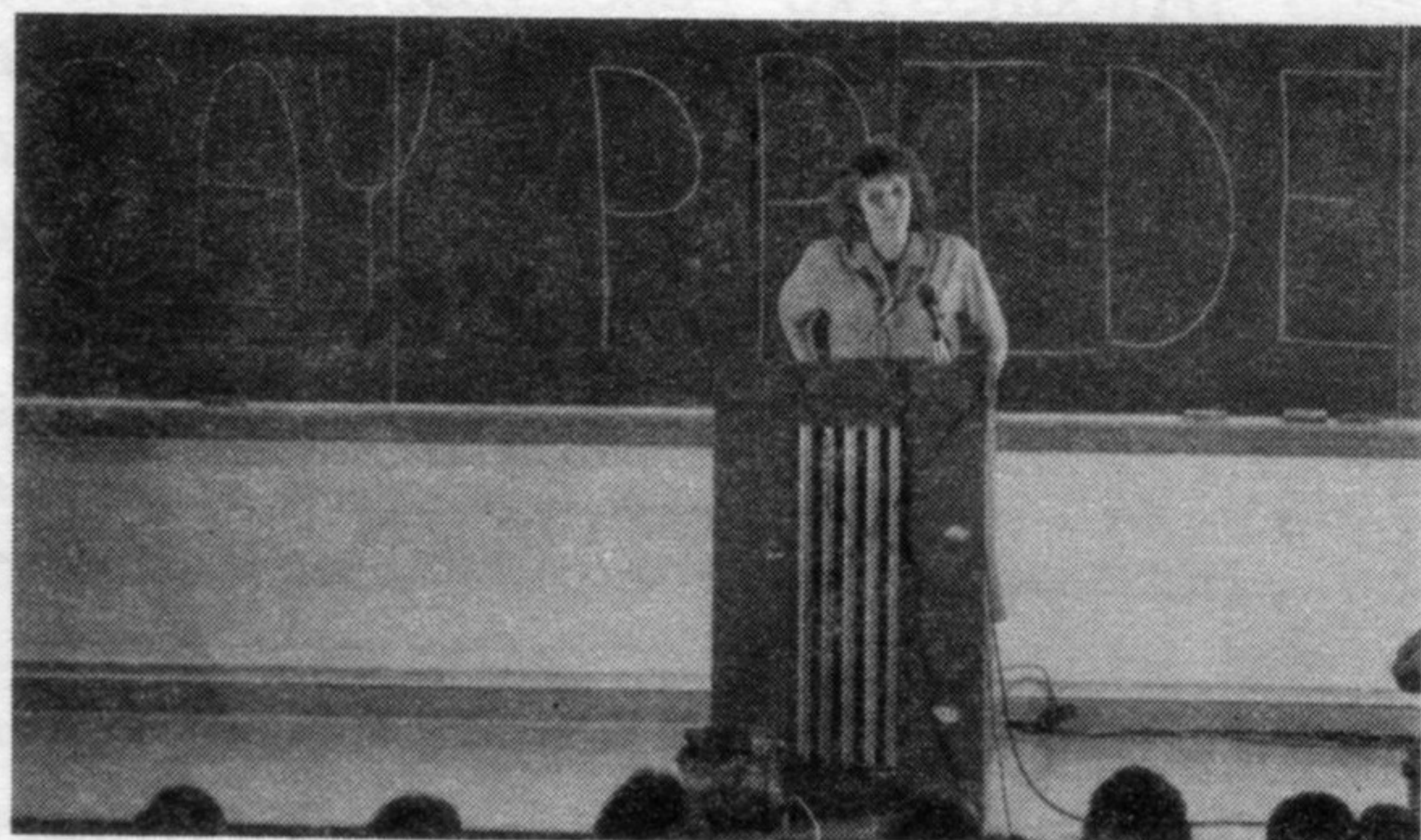
On Sunday we were able to share not only as gays, but as gay Christians in a worship service co-ordinated through MCC St. Louis and Reverend David Pelletier. For some of us it may have been the first time ever to attend an MCC service and I know that it must have been a very exciting time for them. I know for me it was exciting because it was my first time ever to sing on T.V. As David and I prepared to to a duet neither of us know if we were ready for T.V. but we knew that like everything else if we trusted God all would be well.

As the weekend drew to a close, we were saddened to leave old and new friends, but we were joyous in the fact that we had been able to share with other gays in a very rewarding experience.

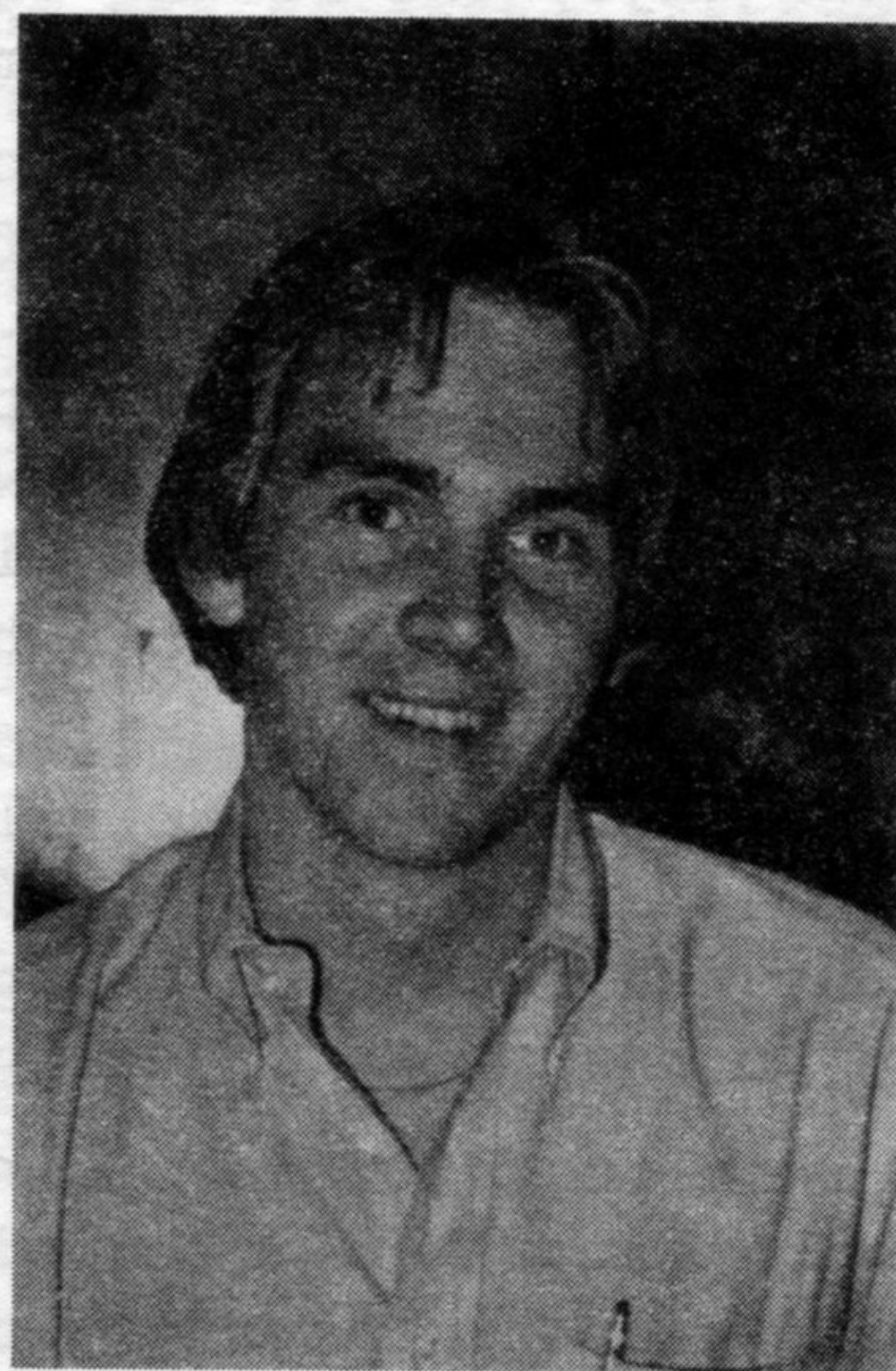
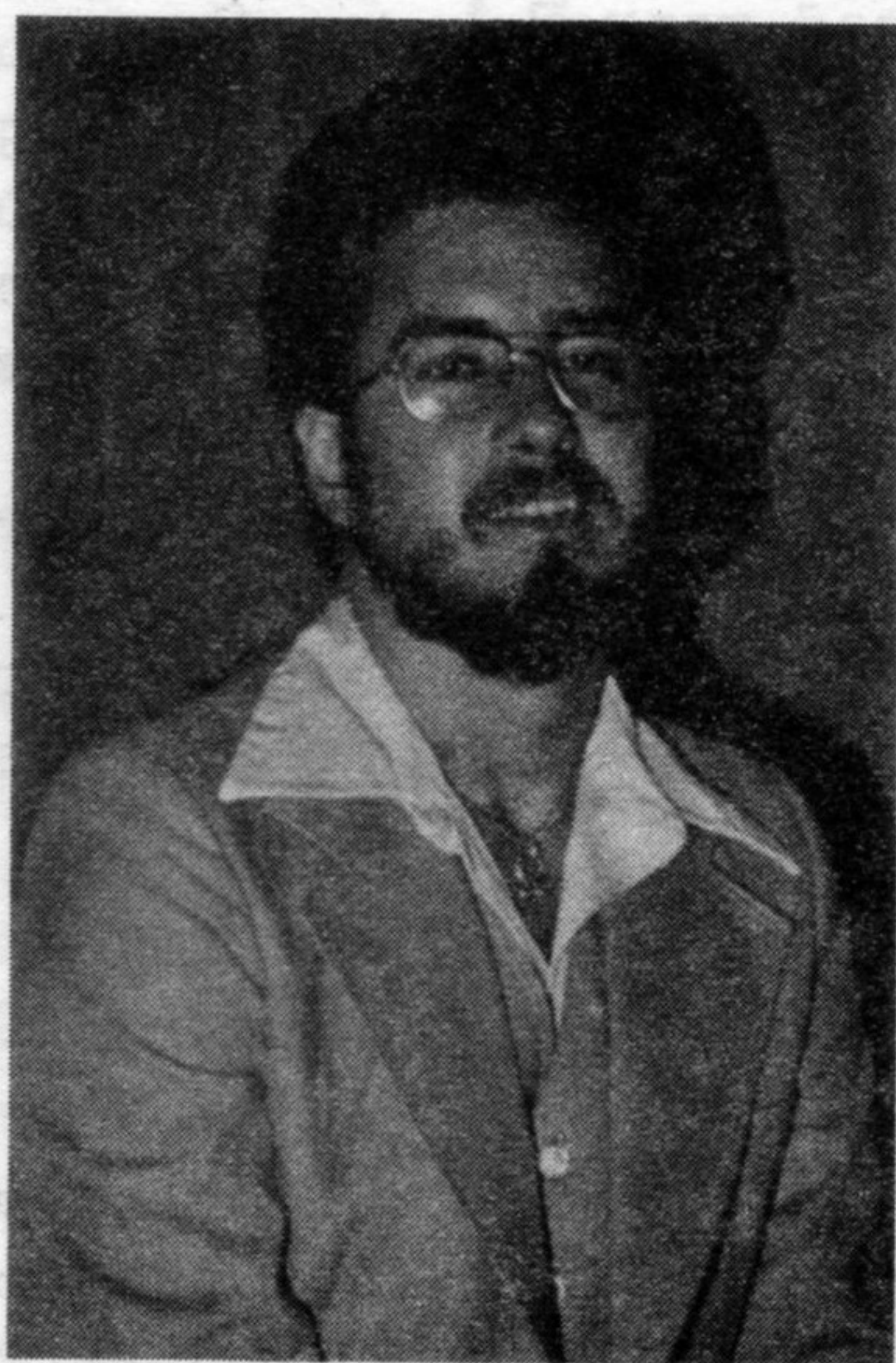
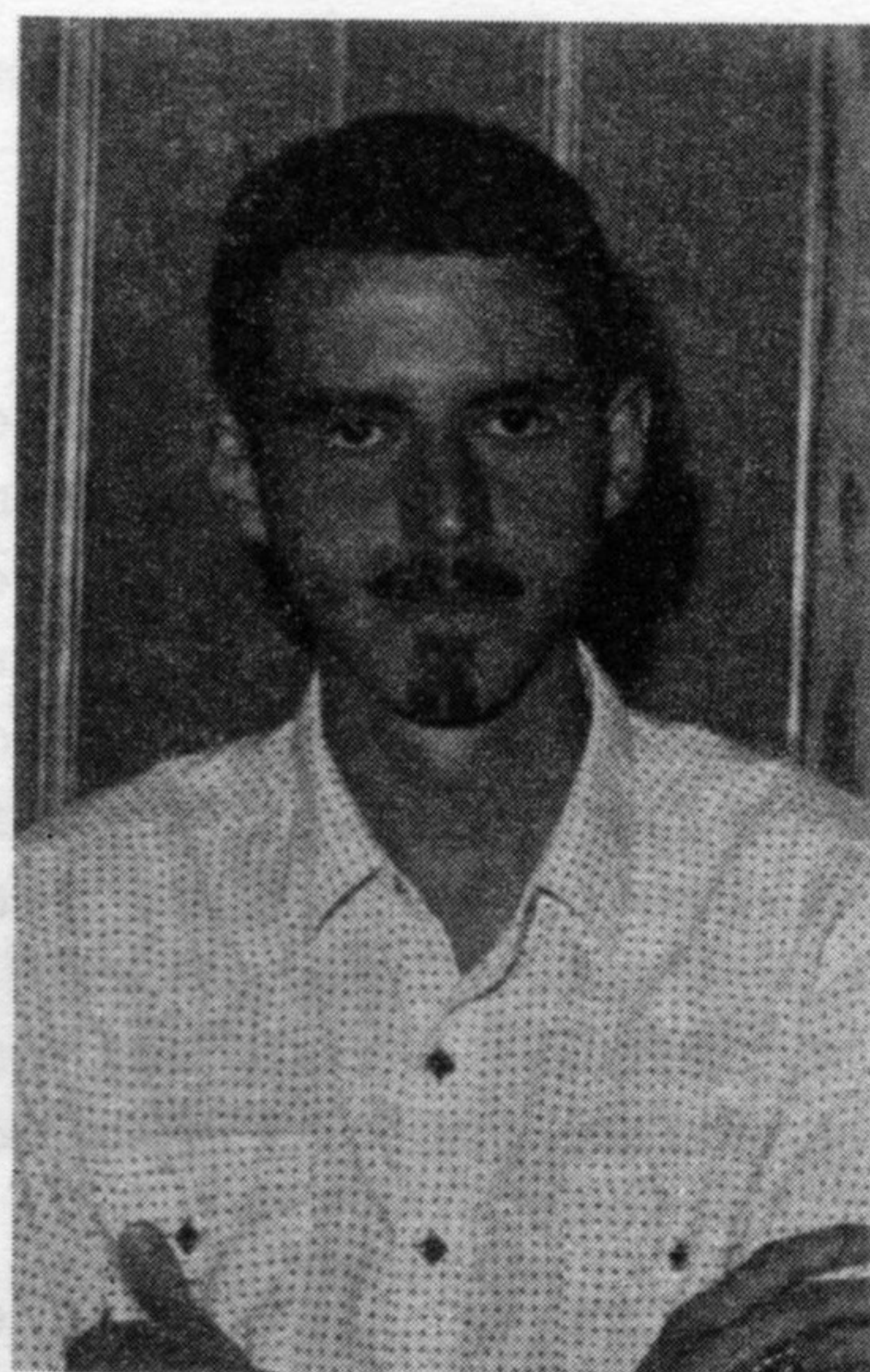
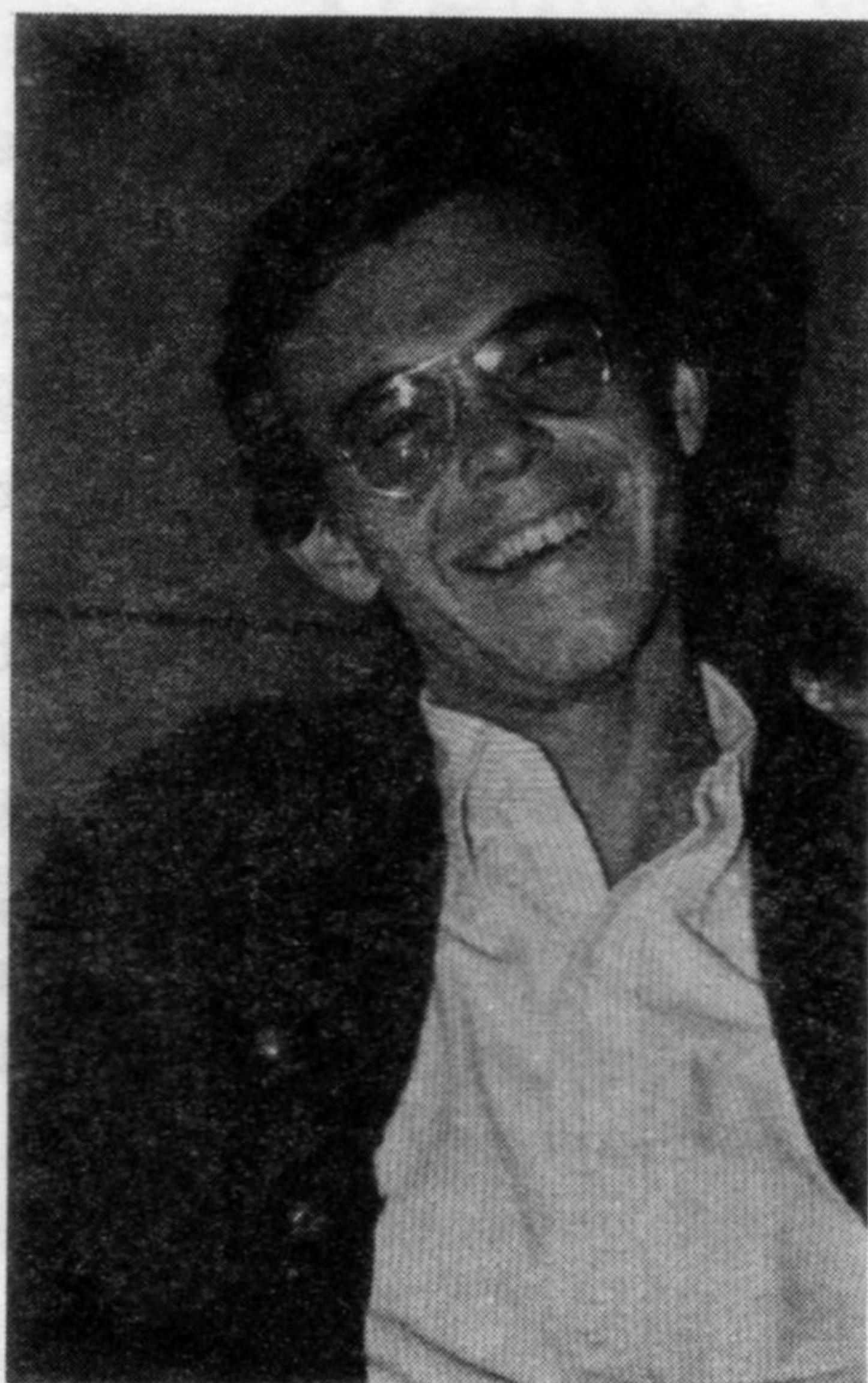


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Through A Man's Eye

by **GALEN MOON**

Gay Pride Weekend at the University of Missouri at Columbia, (Sept. 29-30, Oct. 1) was a high point in my 76 years of living: an open statement by several hundreds of people, saying, "This is who I am, no longer do I have to hide!"

It was also a milestone for the University of Missouri: the implementation of the rights of gay students to share campus facilities with other organizations for educational, political, and social activities. It was a particularly neat way of saying, to those who fought for seven years to legally practice them, "See, we are not monsters. We are affable human beings, capable, understanding, and willing to be productive parts of society."

My prayer is that the success of Gay Pride Weekend at Columbia becomes the door-opener for many of the hundreds of closeted gays on UMC campus (and elsewhere) so they will step out and enjoy the reward of living free of the fear of letting their masks slip.

In 1948 the boy my partner and I had reared as a son found himself confronted with bigotry and ignorance in Princeton. There was no place to turn for backup strength. The several fraternity brothers he knew were too scared to stand with him. Now, with an organization at hand, gay students can be honest.

This, as you have already discovered, is a highly personal recapitulation of that momentous Gay Pride Weekend. (Actually all reviews are such even though the reviewer tries to assume an objective viewpoint.)

I rode to Columbia with the handsome young photographer who did the pictures in this magazine, and a talented young black student in Forest Park Community College at St. Louis.

Anticipation had run high in St. Louis. We admired the members of Gay Liberation UMC

and encouraged their chosen leaders to step out boldly. This just had to be a success! Not only Columbia but the whole state had to learn the truth.

From the moment of arriving Friday evening, we found people and big things happening--- beautiful, happy being, at ease, comfortable, and who's afraid? This is me, sorry if you don't like it! Pleasant, happy women; confident, friendly men--people from everywhere: Kansas City, St. Joe, Rolla, Springfield, St. Louis, Belleville (Ill.). Students from UMKC and WUSL, possibly priming their hopes for similar accomplishments.

Elaine Noble was the EVENT of Friday evening. EVENT is the word because with her upfront political stance and discerning analyses she can well be a "role model" for the young gay person trying to decide on a career. She is definitely a "direction pointer" and proof that gay people can get into "the system" and exert some influence with "good sense input". I was personally pleased when, after her talk, she said to me, "Send me a tape of that 'Queer for 70 Years' thing you're doing tomorrow. I have to get back to Boston." (Glenda sent the tape.)

Winston, Richard and I were put up in a warm and gracious household--we and five others--and our hosts added to the pleasure of the Gay Pride Weekend in Columbia.

Saturday: workshops and discussion groups from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and the movie WORD IS OUT at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. with a dance to begin at 9 p.m.

Which one? I heard them asking. Richard is doing one called Anita's Fruits: Homophobia. Terry and Jim are dealing with Coming Out and something from the Advocate Experience. Judy and Sue are into long term relationships with the title, Gay Lifestyle Is Not A Battle. In Dave's room they are exploring Behind the Masks. And Galen's telling about being Queer for 70 Years. Even though the sessions will be repeated you can only participate in two of them.

TV cameras and radio taping machines are around but the operators are considerate and ask if it is okay. A few people withdrew at once from my session but, apparently after thinking it over, all but one returned and took their seats while the camera rolled and the tape deck turned.

WORD. IS OUT--a very positive account of various gay lives; a movie to which gay people respond with hope that family, friends, educators, law makers, and others will realize the reality and the humanness of our being-- THAT WE ARE!

That dance! Real Gay Pride! The ballroom was crowded. Smiles and laughter and as many dance styles as there were people. Great for getting acquainted and having fun. A sudden hush and floor almost empties---the TV camera has rolled into the room. "What tha hell," one person said, "I don't care who knows it. I'm gay and I like to dance!" Soon the corner on which the camera was focused was full of dancers.

Well after midnight our hosts and their eight house guests assembled in the living room to sum up the happenings. Conversation ranged from what has been, what ought to be, to what is...mistakes, dreams, hopes... assurance that gay can be good.

Gay can also be concerned and a Sunday morning meeting of the Missouri Coalition for Human Rights was very businesslike and purposeful, covering plans and programs for the coming year.

At two in the afternoon we attended religious services in the campus Green Chapel. Rev. David Pelletier of M.C.C./St. Louis interpreted the words of encouragement and love. The offering was sent to the Californians fighting against the Briggs effort to legally discriminate against gays.

Coming home, we talked about how good we felt and how everyone had seemed to feel comfortable and friendly toward others. A real indication that the hope and purpose of the Gay Pride Weekend had succeeded.

Let's do it again!

TOLL FREE NATIONAL GAY HOTLINE OPENS

October 1st was opening day for the Gay National Educational Switchboard (GNES). The toll free number is 1-800-227-0888. This hotline is currently manned from 2 p.m. to 2 a.m. St. Louis time, seven days a week.

This hotline is open to all people who have questions about the sexuality, lifestyles and needs of gay men and women. Information is free, accurate and non-judgmental. Calls are handled not only for gay people but also for their parents, children, friends, teachers and others.

Telephone counseling is available from trained volunteers who also provide resource and referral information.

FEMINIST CONCERTS SCHEDULED

Red Tomato, Inc., a feminist production company in its fifth season in the St. Louis area, has announced a Fall Series of three concerts. This group also produces films, readings and other feminist cultural expression events.

The first concert in this series will be Sue Fink and Joelynn Grippo, musicians and comedians. Sue Fink is the composer of a hilarious satire on homophobics called, "Leapin' Lesbians." This concert will be at 8 p.m. at the J.C. Penny Auditorium, U.M.S.L., and is a benefit performance for the St. Louis E.R.A. Coalition. Tickets will be \$4.00, \$5.00, and \$10.00 at the door. All seats are non-reserved. Child care will be available during the concert. Afterwards, and at no additional cost, there will be a wine and cheese reception.

The second event will be Teresa Trull at Harris Hall-Casa Space (formerly Temple Shaare Emeth) at Delmar and Trinity in University City. This is about one block east of Big Bend. Tickets will be \$4.00 at the door and child care will also be available at this concert.

Therese Edell will be the performer during the third concert, December 8th at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$3.50. Further information about this concert may be had by calling, 652-6376.

Those wishing to reduce their cost, may purchase an advance ticket for just \$9.50, otherwise \$11.50 at the door. Advance ticket will be available only at Left Bank Books, The Women's Eye and Streetside Records, on or before the night of the first concert.



GAY ROOTS

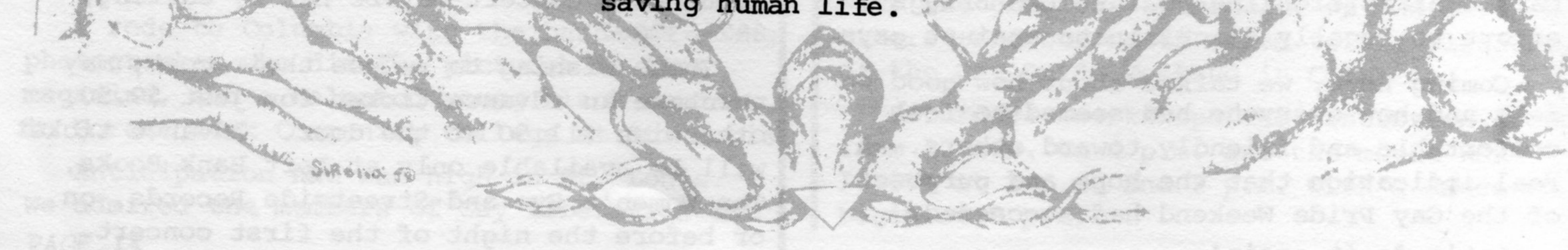
by MARVIN H. KAYE

Although gay women and men have always practiced every type of profession, the dominant stereotype is that gay men are either hairdressers or interior decorators, and gay women are often truckdrivers. Undoubtedly, there are gay people in these occupations, but we do other things as well. Indeed, one of the major areas of gay occupations, out of proportion to their numbers, has been in the helping professions, especially in medicine and in education. Many gay men and women are sincerely interested in helping other people, in providing services to a society which often rejects them.

The number of gay nurses, women and men, is astounding. If they are ever banned from their profession, many hospitals will have to close down. These are dedicated people, concerned with saving and improving human life and society.

Many gays go into teaching in order to use their knowledge and skills to benefit society, and/or to be surrogate parents, since they will not be having children of their own. These men and women, working at all levels of education, are dedicated professionals, unrecognized by the society they serve.

The phenomenon of gays in the helping professions is not a new one. Socrates, one of the foremost teachers in human history, and the developer of one of the earliest and best teaching methods, was homosexual. The poet Sappho was also a teacher, giving lessons in poetry and literature to her classes on the island of Lesbos. In more recent times, many lesbians worked in the women's ambulance corps in World War One, making a major contribution to the war effort and to saving human life.



GAY ROOTS CONTINUED

Society cannot afford to lose the services of these men and women. And yet, it is forcing them out, through suicides, through firings, through fear. The most important recent case was that of James Gaylord, a teacher in Tacoma, Washington, who was fired not for any gay activities, but simply for being gay. The United States Supreme Court upheld this horrendous decision condemning someone for the very nature of his/her being. In November of this year, California voters will decide whether openly gay women and men will be allowed to teach in that state. The decision will also affect openly supportive heterosexual teachers. The vote may be a forerunner of similar propositions in other states. If the voters decide against us, not only gay people will suffer. Society as a whole, denying the assistance of gay people who want only to improve it, will be much the worse.

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## EDITORIAL

### GAYS AND EDUCATION

Bigots are made, not born. Children must be taught to fear and to hate those who are different from them. The teaching of prejudice occurs in the home and the school. It may be direct or indirect, but the product is always hatred. Gay women and men have been the victims of prejudice. As children, we were taught to hate ourselves for what we are. As adults, even if we have overcome self-hatred, we suffer oppression from those who hate us.

One area of the struggle against oppression is the field of education, in which gays are both students and teachers. As students working toward self-discovery, we are too often faced with a system geared towards molding us into what society wants us to be, rather than towards helping us develop into who we are. Too often, we are taught that homosexuality is unnatural, sick, and immoral; that gay people are a threat to society. As students, we often are too afraid of teachers and peers to be ourselves. And so we conform, at least outwardly, but often inwardly as well, to what our teachers and society tell us we should be.

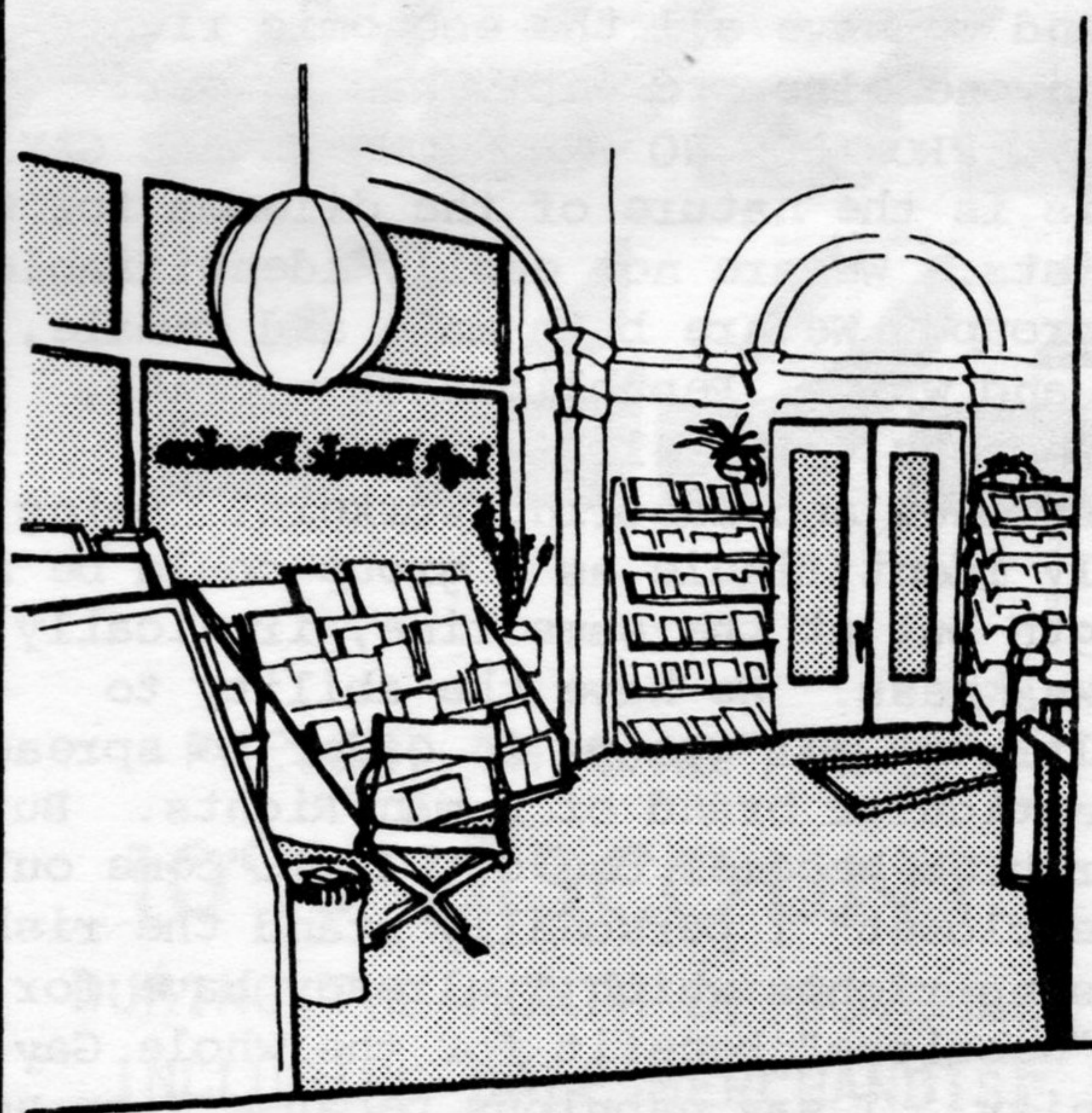
As teachers, gay men and women are too often caught in the same dilemma as gay

students. We cannot be open with our students or with other teachers for fear of losing our jobs, for fear of being ostracized. We hide our private lives, and pretend to be what we are not, so that we can help educate society's children. Despite our efforts at hiding, we stand falsely accused of corrupting and recruiting children, we are told by the bigots that we are poor role models, we are fired from our jobs.

The oppression continues. Our civil rights have been taken away from us in four cities. The Briggs initiative in California threatens the loss of jobs for all teachers, straight or gay, who do not denounce homosexuality. We cannot allow the adoption of this kind of law, in California, or wherever fear or hatred impel their cancerous growth. We must work together with all its opponents, whatever their sexual preference. It is well past the time for us to be ourselves, as gay students and gay teachers, as gay human beings.

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# Political Graffiti

by DAN SHAPIRO

The Civil Rights Movement in this country has been and is a continuing movement which has placed various groups in the forefront in the struggle for Human Rights. The Black Movement is and will be an effort in which its' success will depend on the ability of its' leaders to focus attention on various injustices in order to bring about change. The process had to be one which was in steps. Blacks had to be freed of slavery; they had to push for other rights, voting, economic gains and the like. Similarly, the Womens' Movement had to obtain voting rights before other rights were pursued, such as equal pay, equality in credit, prohibition of "FOR MEN ONLY" professional groups, etc.

Struggling to take its' place in the forefront of the Civil Rights Movement is Gay Rights. But for Gay people, the Civil Rights Movement takes on a little different twist. We (Gay people) have the right to vote and we have all the economic rights that anyone else presently has in our society, PROVIDED NO ONE KNOWS WE ARE GAY.

This is the nature of the dilemma for Gay Activists. We are not easily identifiable as a group. We are both male and female, black and white, Republican, Democrats, Independents, all religious groups, professional and laboring workers. Being not readily identifiable as a group could be a strength but at the same time, ironically, is a weakness. We have the ability to "infiltrate" all groups in order to spread our particular brand of Human Rights. But the problem becomes one of, If I "come out or the closet" I personally stand the risk of losing rights which I already have for some "nebulous" benefit for the whole Gay Community. I say nebulous because I am not sure if what Gay people want from society has been firmly established.

Gay females, almost universally would favor The Equal Rights Movement, which may have some benefits to them as Gay people (depending on future court interpretations) in addition to rights obtained by females in general. Gay males might also benefit from

the passage of E.R.A. although the courts may very well draw a distinction between discriminating on the basis of sex as opposed to discrimination on account of sexual orientation. Thus, passage of E.R.A. has a tenuous benefit for Gay people. Its passage may benefit society as a whole but not Gay people in particular.

So what is it that Gay people want? I would guess, first of all, removal of archaic laws which makes it illegal to engage in certain sexual activity between consenting adults. This should be the first step for a Gay Rights Movement. Until very recently the sodomy laws in Missouri, for instance, made it a felony. It is now a misdemeanor but no less demeaning to Gay people. As long as these laws remain on the books it is going to be very difficult to enact legislation in cities, counties and states prohibiting discrimination of Gays in employment and housing (such as those defeated in Dade County, Wichita, St. Paul and Eugene, Oregon).

Beyond removal of sodomy laws and protection in employment and housing, what do Gay people want? Conjugal rights, which means paying a lawyer for a divorce, property settlements and the like. Do Gay people in any appreciable numbers, desire the right to adopt children or retain them from previous "straight" marriages? Would Gay couples favor all of the "tax advantages" now given to married people? What do Gay people want and what would be their priorities? I am not sure we really know. If the Gay Rights Movement does not have a firm idea of what it wants to accomplish and in what order, it is asking a great deal of a great many people to ask them to come out of the closet, and run the risk of giving up rights which they already possess for the possible attainment of legal acceptance by society sometime in the future. I do not recall any other rights movement which demands so much sacrifice of individuals in order to obtain rights for the whole.



# EDITORIAL

Gaylife Magazine would have liked to do a well researched project for the upcoming November 7th election. Our resources, however, were not well enough developed with the limited time available between the decision to begin this magazine and election time to do the job the way we invisioned. Future pre-election coverage well be added. We intend to find out who supports our people and our rights, and work for their election, and we intend to delve deeply in the issues and keep you informed.

With this issue we are beginning a regular political column by Mr. Dan Shapiro. Mr. Shapiro is active in politics in our area but unfortunately his closet door is closed and we can say no more by way of introduction. Mr. Shapiro will be writing to stimulate your thoughts and sincerely hopes that you will respond in writing so your viewpoints can be incorporated in future columns. Your observations and questions will help make this column a success.

November 7th is nearly here. For those of you who are registered, your vote on that day can help. For those of not registered, it's too late for this election, but go register now anyway, that way you will be prepared for the next election.

There is one more thing you can do. The Briggs amendment in California is the single most important gay issue to be placed on the ballot in history. It is VITAL that this farce of justice be soundly defeated. The NO ON 6 COMMITTEE needs every penny it can scrape up, even up to the last minute for major media advertising. Send your donations now, today, to 54 Mint Street, San Francisco, Ca., 94103.

Politics is frequently a dirty word, however, in the society we live in politics are a fact of life that must be dealt with. Regardless of how we feel about the political system in the United States today, it is the system in use and anyone who keeps the right perspective and learns to use the system, can obtain their goals. Gay people have much to learn about using the political system to their advantage, but once we learn, there is much to gain.

One of the first things that must be realized is that your vote does count. The writer has personally voted in three elections which were decided by one vote.

Had I voted for the other candidate, the results would have been different. My mother accidentally voted for the wrong man once and he won the election by one vote. Even when the election is not that close, your vote still carries weight. If you vote for the winner in a landslide election, your vote adds clout, helps give him a clear direction in which way you want him to move. Your vote for a loser in a close election says plainly "Don't get carried away with things, you did not win by that much." A close vote on an issue may determine that the issue will be resubmitted; a distinct victory tells opponents to stop trying.

Voting is only one part of politics. Letter writing, telegraphing or calling those in power is extremely effective. Politicians, unless they have a very definate unalterable viewpoint on a particular subject rely heavily on the voice of their constituents. They want to be re-elected and will frequently vote for issues that those they represent have clearly indicated are important. Gay issues rarely receive support simply because the people making the laws do not know there are gays in their districts who are dissatisfied. They never hear from gay people openly voicing their opinions or needs.



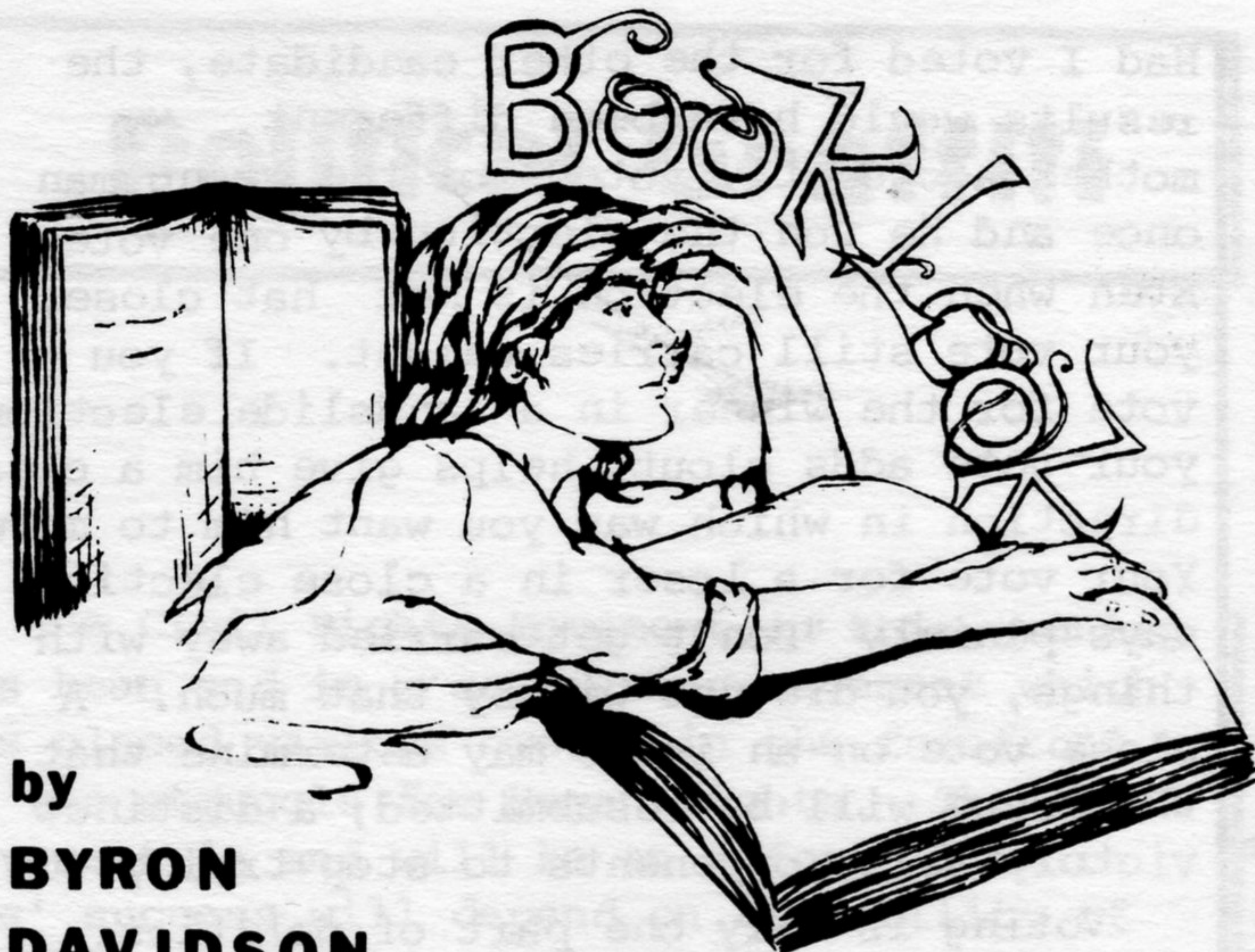
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Tim LaHaye, THE UNHAPPY GAYS:  
What Everyone Should Know About  
Homosexuality. Tyndale, 1978.

It would be nice if this book could be ignored. But as the author states, "...Wendell Hawley of Tyndale House remarked, 'The Christian Community needs a penetrating book on Homosexuality. Why don't you write it?' The result is a restatement of all the old pseudo-scientific, religious, distortions and special pleadings of the neolithic fundamentalistic reactionary christians A'la Anita Bryant. et. al. If per chance you would want to refresh your experience of bigotry, intolerance, fourth class religion and terrible theology and scholarship, let alone the lack of charity and Nazarene love, this book will suffice. Pure, thrilling execratory homophobia at nearly its best is what you get. Books like this are to be expected. We will see more of them. Those to come will be even more vitriolic. So it might be wise to know what your enemy is saying about you and what he wants, and will eventually demand, done for/to you. It will not be enough for LaHaye. Phyllis Schlafly (of Anti ERA infamy). Richard A. Viguerie (Right-wing organizer) and other conservative political and religious groups to drive you back into your closet. Like Hitler, if you are listening. They want you dead. Get it? No avoiding the truth as those in Germany did this time. The call to Armageddon and Holocaust is being sounded again. Do not think it can not happen here. Read the literature, listen to the speeches

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and broadcasts of these NEONAZI movements. They have found the new niggers, the new Jews-Gay people! Gay people are politically, economically and religiously powerless. Gays can not defend themselves-because they won't. (N.B. to keep up on what the right wing is up to read Sasha Gregory-Lewis, "Right Watch" in The Advocate.)

Each page of LaHaye's book demands sound, scientific, and theological refutation. Even though refutations already have been given elsewhere in various recent studies of Gayness as a psychological, social, natural, ethical and theological phenomena. (For example see the American Library Associations, Gay Bibliography or Weinberg and Bell's, Homosexuality: An Annotated Bibliography for a rapid review.) This is the tragic irony of the human situation: Those who already believe cannot be swayed by evidence, argument, or compassion. They sanctimoniously hate, oppress and destroy in the name of God, country, nature, family, economics, and love.

Chapter one opens with the title. "The Homosexual Explosion". Word choice is vital. Notice the tone of the title, "...Explosion". The clear idea is an act of violence, danger and destruction. Something bad is happening. The first paragraph clearly marks the direction of the book. Consternation that there even are "homosexuals" (The term 'homosexual' is derived from medical psychology as a disease classification. See Thomas Szasz's excellent books on this aspect of the origins of bigotry and oppression. The Manufacture of Madness, The Myth of Mental Illness, and his subsequent works deals not only with the 'homosexual' problem, but how the power structure and the masses use and abuse those who dare to confront them, e.g., crazy people, sinners, dissenters, intellectuals, artists, free spirits, mystics, Bohemians, beatniks-on and on. In short anyone who is not Archie and Edith Bunker! LaHaye is shocked that there are people, ("I was startled by a shouting crowd of gays bearing placards...) demanding freedom, equality, justice, dignity, the right to be and love. Also note the spelling of Gay with a lower case 'G'. Just think of printing of jew, german, american, christian, etc., in small letters. This device denies dignity and legitimacy to those so designated by



small letters. Such usage denies the proper noun status-hence improper. The implication that spelling the word as Gay is nonstandard, linguistically unsound and eventually wrong. It should be pointed out that standards of correctness are determined by those who use the language. So it is o.k. if LaHaye and his ilk refuse to accept out "Right to Life" (Ah, how nice to use their own slogans against them!). But it is not o.k. to demand or expect everyone else to follow their halter.

LaHaye assumes an air of innocence outraged by the horrendous, "...I could hardly believe the security measures required backstage to guarantee, Miss Bryant's protection." He, like all homophobia types, ignores the countless physical, psychological and spiritual Dachaus that have been visited on Gays by those who assume certainty and rectitude. LaHaye is concerned that the angel of mercy and love, Miss Bryant, "...was harassed..." p.8, by Gays. Nowhere does he oppose harassment and oppression of Gays. Mr. LaHaye, your principles are inconsistent and you are neither living or preaching The Greatest Commandment...Love Thy Neighbor and Do Unto Others, etc.

By the way, If anyone thinks I'm "shouting,...Wolf, Wolf!", see any issue of The Sexual Law Reporter, The American Civil Liberties Review, Journal of Homosexuality, Alternative Lifestyles or any issue of The Advocate for documentation of current abuse of Gay people. For a historical overview of Gay suffering, Jonathon Katz's, Gay American History is the current best source of data.

LaHaye is a master of language. He demonstrates all the skills of a PR-expert; Natural born or trained, he is an effective proponent of the conservative true believer, e.g., "...America is experiencing a homosexual epidemic." p. 8. The use of the disease and plague metaphor has long been a favorite and most effective device of any type of demagogues. In Lea's standard study of The History of the Inquisition, or even earlier, in the writings of the Apostolic and Patristic fathers of the early Christian Church all non-believers are diseased. Hitler, too, used this propaganda device of disease as a characteristic of anyone he disapproved.

LaHaye's book is historically and factually untrue. For example, "Homosexuality

is almost as old as man. The first mention in recorded history concerns Lot and the well known cities of Sodom and Gomorrah, over 4000 years ago." p. 9. This would not be worthy of comment except it is a clear statement of the ignorance and self chosen blindness, read bigotry, of such people. That there were civilizations and God before the Bible LaHaye is either unaware or in his fundamentalism unwilling or unable to recognize. The Orientals, let alone other pre-Jewish near-Eastern civilizations will welcome the news that they had no history of existence until around 4000 years ago. The idea that there was no recorded history until the Bible is absurd. Yet LaHaye, Bryant and the largest group of Christians believe all this as factually true. I also wish to point out that the President belongs to this group of righteous believers. Are you getting uncomfortable? It gets worse!

LaHaye adopts the standard Bible sources of Anti-Gay views. There is no need to review them or attempt to answer them here. That job has been done in the last ten years with increasing excellence. The point is that if you are a true-believer the "question" is not a question and the case is closed. But one shot I can't resist. Like all Fundamentalists, LaHaye, is inconsistent. He chooses what he wishes and disregards what he chooses from the Bible. He insists that Gays be damned certainly hereafter and if he and his supporters get their way in this one as well. Yet he is silent about strict letter of the law enforcement of the rest of the Bible e.g., stoning, adulterers, etc. Another interesting version of Biblical use is his attributions of all of Israel's problems to homosexuality and proto-Women's Lib Liberations ERA (v. 2nd paragraph of p. 9 for example). An excellent evangelical reply to these "queer-baiting" put downs is the book by Letha Scanzoni and Virginia Ramey, Is the Homosexual my Neighbor: Another Christian View, Harper & Row, 1978, \$6.95. The book is clear, concise, authoritative in the sense of 'agape' love and has excellent references and bibliographies for resources.

The catalog of errors, etc. of the LaHaye book would be longer than the book. One of his favorites is the technique of the Big Lie. Simply assert something to be true loudly and dramatically and people will accept it. LaHaye is also given to constant appeals to 'common knowledge-truth-natural law-God' fallacies: 'we all know..., all right thinking people..., God wills..., nature



demands..., the family, motherhood, children, beauty, grace, morality, etc. In such appeals, evidence and witness for him, LaHaye displays a serious lack of intellectual and theological rigor. A reading of Harry E. Barnes, An Intellectual and Cultural History of the Western World and James Graham-Murray's A History of Western Morals would demonstrate LaHaye's ignorance. Of course, LaHaye and his true believers reject any data that does not fit their paradigm of what God, the world, and we are the 'my mind is made up, don't confuse me with the facts!' stance. I dare say, like the Grand Inquisitor in Postouski, even Jesus himself could not change his mind about anything. He is more than steadfast in his faith. LaHaye is enthralled by the correctness of his authority and righteous lawfulness.

LaHaye catalogues the various customs, history, scandal, gossip and truth of different places and times to load the dice of his homophobia in order that no matter what the most "shocking" side of the die always turns up about Gay History. I can see LaHaye, et. al., drouking with glee as they pursue their holy purulent mote hunting. Shades of Ken Russells, The Devils! Even when Gay people do something good the taint spoils it. LaHaye would fully agree with the pop-historian, Arie Durront that, "You can't admire Di Vinci, he was not a complete man. He wasn't normal; he was a pederast and a homosexual. He created some wonderful things...but he was not worthy of admiration." (Alternative, "Quotes," vol. one, number Five, 1978, p. 54.) Gordon Allport's, The Native of Prejudice and H. Arendt's, The Origins of Totalitarianism demonstrate that any form of stigmatized begavior or person is irremeable. Not even the death of a god can unstigmatize. (ct. E. Goffman. Stigma, Prnntice-Hall, 1963). So consequently Gays are damned if they do, damned if they don't...utterly and totally loathsome. Come on now, people! How much longer are you going to accept, expect and even, horrors, want such unJesus like treatment, customs, values and laws?

Other than Satan, who is to blame for this "explosion" of a problem that has been kept closeted for centuries?" p. 12. O.k., ready for this or not...and it's pure Hitler and Ku Klux Klan..."a major contributor to the present day tendency to accept and encourage homsexuality is Dr. Sigmund Freud." La Haye dismisses Freud, "In spite of his Jewish heritage he was an atheist and very hostile to Christianity,...had many personal

hangups..., was highly intelligent and insecure...and a mama's boy," etc. If you can't do anything else you name call, mud-sling, sidetrack and by fear and loathing discredit the opposition. LaHaye, et. al. are of course clothed in lily white with the Swords of Rightousness on God's right hand side. On similar ground Havelock Ellis is dismissed and has an added curse of being "...a committed evolutionist." p. 14.

Following all of this LaHaye sets pseudo-scientific on us. Hey, wait a minute! Once science was evil and now it's o.k. Oh, well, pick and choose anything to build your argument irregardless of the principles of evidence, consistency, and fairness let alone reason or scientific method. (I do not hold that either reason or scientific method is infallible nor LaHaye's Christianity or that of any institution either.) LaHaye informs us that he "... learned in discussions with curators at the San Diego Zoo... where acts of sodomy are said to be unknown among primates.)" p. 15. There is no citation; this happens frequently in his book thus no one can pin down the source of authority of the data. So again LaHaye displays his imbalance. Even a half-willing acceptance of various studies such as Churchill's Homosexuality, a Cross Species, Cross Cultural Approach and Bullough's Sexual Varience in Society and History would have tempered his dogmatism. Another howler is the assertion that the "... tragic results... to(of) accept(ing) unscientific theories without evidence... were limited to the college and university, where they victimized only a small percentage of the student population and some professors." p. 15. See here, Galileo, the Earth does move around the Sun, anybody with eyes can see that and God says so, too!

La Haye continues thus and so for 206 pages. The final glory of his position is found in chapter 12, "The Danger of a Homosexual Society".

As a Christian, I do not wish to add to the unhappy Gay community more trouble than they already have created for themselves. Nor do I wish to instigate a hysterical reaction to them as individuals. As God knows my heart, I love them and pray for their release from sin and the resultant eventual destruction of their souls. But I would be less than fair if I did not call attention to the many dangers that accepting their sexual



habits as normal behavior will produce in our Judeo-Christian culture. The following dangers are selected in descending order, beginning with the greatest." p. 189. The greatest is, of course, the downfall of civilization and the destruction of planet Earth for tolerating Homosexuals! This book and especially this chapter is a clear call to another Final Solution. Are you going to sit quietly until they take you away again this time?

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## ESCAPING FROM BAD PRISON

WASHINGTON, DC--If an escaped inmate can prove he fled jail because of intolerable conditions while in the facility, he can be acquitted of escape charges, a Federal appeals court has ruled.

In a 2 to 1 ruling, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia ordered new trails for four men who escaped from the city jail in Aluust of 1976.

The escapees charged that there had been frequent fires at the jail and that officials permitted them to burn themselves out. They also charged there was poor ventilation, threats and beatings by guards and one inmate was denied necessary medical treatment.

The court ruled that under the law, the word "escape" is not self defining.

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## SENTENCE IN MURDER OF GAY

WASHINGTON, D.C.--A District teenager has been sentenced to 35 years in prison for the murder of a gay man, Ronald J. Pettine, at the Iwo Jima Memorial two years ago. Pettine, a campaign aide to Rep. Morris Udall when Udall was running for the Democratic nomination for President in 1976, was found beaten to death at the memorial, a well-known cruise area.

According to testimony at the trial, Michael G. Simoneau had bragged to friends after the Oct. 2, 1976 slaying, that he and two others had ripped off Pettine's clothing and abused him sexually before beating the man with a tree limb. Simoneau testified that he went to the memorial to "smack around a few queers."


In sentencing the man, Judge Charles H. Duff called the murder "cruel, callous and brutal."

## MASS. DEMOCRATIC POLL

BOSTON, MA--Pollster Pat Caddell has recently completed a poll of Massachusetts Democrats which shows Secretary of State Paul Guzzi to be far and away the front-runner in the race for the Democratic nomination for U.S. Senate. Guzzi was preferred by 35% of the voters surveyed, with Boston School Committee member Kathleen Sullivan Alioto a distant second at 13%. U. S. Rep. Paul Tsongas received 12% in the poll, while Rep Elaine Noble trailed with 5%. The other candidates all scored 3% or less.

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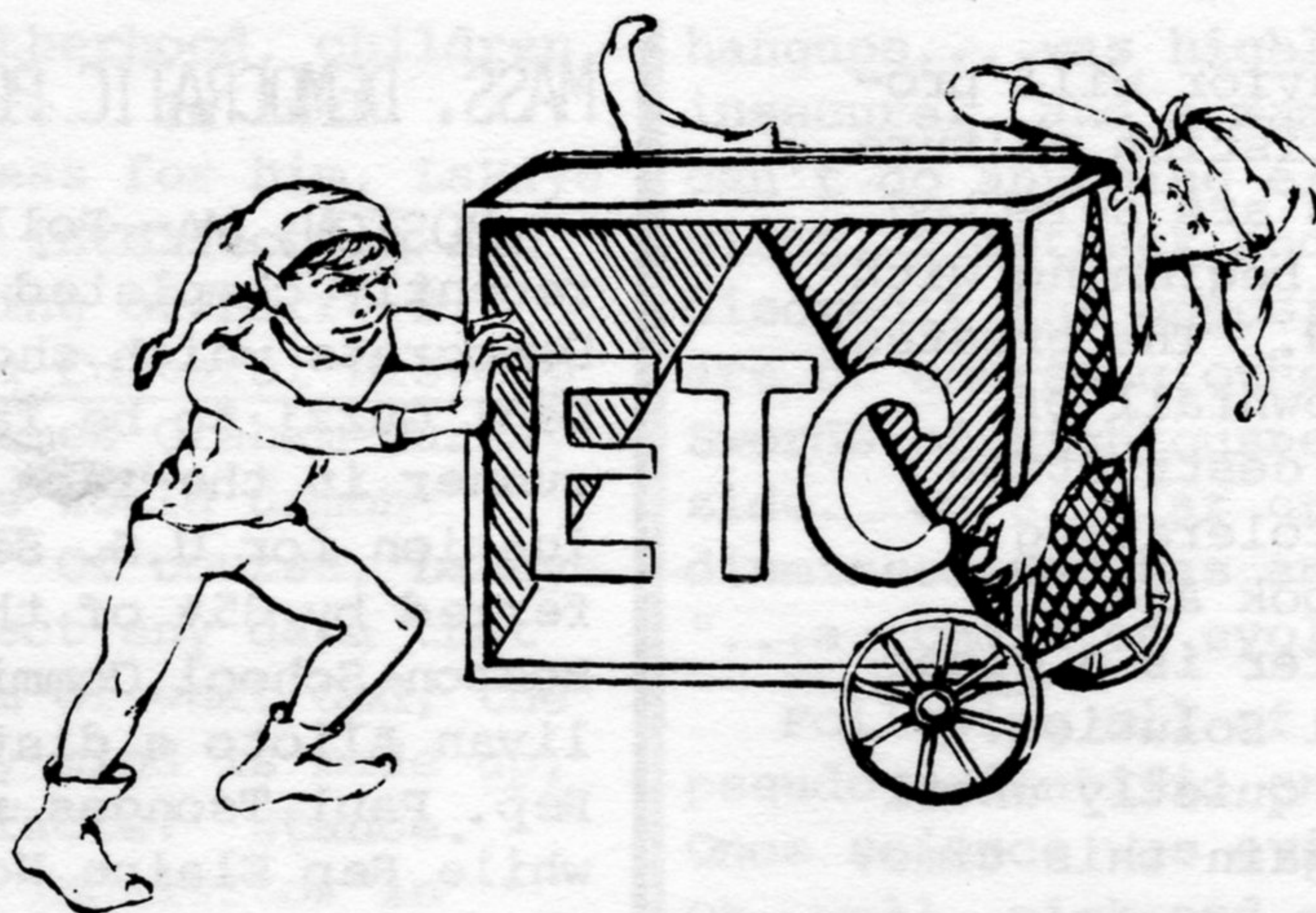


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## BROSHEARS TIPS POLICE

SAN FRANCISCO, CA-- Jack Campbell, owner of the Club Baths chain and a leading gay activist in Miami, was arrested on a felony charge of pimping after being caught in a vice squad trap here. Campbell, free on \$1,000 bail, was arrested after a discussion with an undercover police officer who was wearing a concealed radio transmitter. The discussion took place after the officer responded to an escort service advertisement in the Bay Area Reporter.

The July 13 arrest occurred on tips from San Francisco gay publisher Rev. Ray Broshears and Board of Supervisors President Dianne Feinstein.

Campbell's attorney, John Visey called the charge a "defamation" and added that the only thing that happened "was a conversation."

## SEX TROUBLES

NEW YORK CITY--The Joy of Lesbian Sex and the Joy of Gay Sex have been the basis for criminal charges in at least two cities. The books were two of a dozen confiscated from three bookstores in Lexington, Ky. The action was the city's first enforcement of a new anti-pornography law that prohibits the display of sexually oriented material in places frequented by minors.

Meanwhile, the New York-based B. Dalton Co. has banned the display of the books in its 300 stores. A memo was sent to all managers of the stores to "keep the books off the selling floor and show it to adult customers by request only."

## NUDE SWIM BATTLE

HARRISBURG, PA.--Two female members of the Young Men's Christian Association have challenged the scheduling of the nude swim at the local YMCA on weekdays from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The women contend that the pool should be open during the lunch hour to all adult members. Many of the male members are angry about the attempt to change the scheduling. The members of the board, including a judge, a minister, the local District Attorney and businessmen have hired a lawyer to help keep the men-only rule in force at the pool. The downtown YMCA has 298 female members and 3,500 male members.

## CULTURAL FESTIVAL GRANT

PHILADELPHIA--The Philadelphia Gay Cultural Festival has been awarded a grant of \$1000 by the State Council on the Arts for the production of its spring, 1979 program. The Festival, sponsored by the Christian Association of the University of Pennsylvania and the Gays at Penn, will offer a program of films, theatre productions, music, dance and other artistic reflections of the gay experience today. Over a thousand people participated in the first Festival this past spring.

Two Pennsylvania State Senators have challenged the Council grant. They claim that the funding represents support for the gay rights movement in Pennsylvania. Sens. Thomas Nolan (D-Allegheny) and John Stauffer (R-Chester) will move to amend the budget of the Council to remove the grant when the legislature reconvenes in September.



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## LATE LOCAL NEWS

These items were received too late for complete coverage in this issue, but are too important to leave out. Full information will be published in our next issue.

### POLICE SEEK HELP

A young gay man was murdered in Forest Park either late Thursday October 26th or early the 27th. He was shot in the head at close range- **FROM THE BACK!** Police have no clues. Anyone who has any information, regardless of how minor is requested to call Homicide at 444-5371.

### MCC ELECTS PASTOR

In a congregational meeting held after services Sunday October 29th, the Reverend Roy Birchard was unanimously elected to serve as the church's Pastor. Rev. Birchard comes to St. Louis from Norfolk, Virginia. He is 35, has been a minister for ten years and has been with MCC for six years.

### MLSC TO CEASE OPERATIONS

Members of Midcontinent Life Services Corp. voted Thursday night October 26th to take necessary steps to close all operations of the agency. The primary function still in use is the Gay Hotline at 367-0084. The hotline will continue to operate through the month of November. Another group, the Gay Academic Union, which is now forming a chapter in the St. Louis area, has expressed an interest in taking over the hotline.

### HAYRIDE SCHEDULED

The MCC Social Committee has announced plans for a Hayride and Wiener Roast Friday November 10th. The hayride will take place at Valley Mount Ranch in Valley Park, Missouri. Anyone wishing to attend must purchase tickets in advance: individual tickets are \$3.00, tickets for couples are \$5.00.

Rides will be available from MCC, 5108 Waterman, at 6:30 p.m. Those wishing to go directly to Valley Mount should be there at 7:30 p.m. People are requested to bring their own hot dogs for the wiener roast. For information about getting tickets, call 361-7284.

### GAYLIFE LATE

This issue of Gaylife Magazine was due to be printed and distributed no later than October 27th, however, a rented typewriter stopped working delaying completion of the magazine for several days. Our next issue is due December 15th. Closing date for that issue is November 20th. Anyone wishing news, features or advertisements to be published in that issue must have material in by then.

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